



# The Varsity Letter



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## Turkey Shoot set Oct. 25

The Great Salt Lake Council's annual Varsity Turkey Shoot is scheduled Saturday, October 25, at the Lee Kay Center in West Valley City. Competition is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

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.

Due to a limited number of shooting stations, teams must sign up in advance at the service center camp desk or one of the Scout Shops. Teams should remember to bring their registration receipt with them to the competition.

Information about the event is available on the council Turkey Shoot web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/turkeyshoot/index.htm>. The 2003 Turkey Shoot chairman is Dave Walker, [dachawalk@sisna.com](mailto:dachawalk@sisna.com), at 969-8753.

Teams can incorporate the competition into their unit shooting sports program. For additional information, see Varsity Team Program Features, vol. II, pages 142-175.

## Davis named to Varsity post

Bryant S. ("Bry") Davis has been named council Varsity Scout Vice President. Davis replaces Richard Aird, who served for 13 years. Davis currently serves as president of the LDS South Davis Special Needs Mutual Improvement Association. He also is serving as a Scoutmaster for the special needs troop, one of the council troops attending the 2005 National Jamboree. Before moving to North Salt Lake, he spent 19 years in the Granger District. Davis has served as Varsity Coach, Assistant Venture Adviser, District Venture Roundtable Chair and Training Chair, District Holiday Auction Chair, and member of the Council Finance Committee.

## Vice President's Message

### Scouting makes a difference

Many thanks to Richard Aird who has served so well as the council Varsity Scout Vice President. As I have met with him and the Council Varsity leaders, I have been very impressed with the great team we have. The Varsity program has provided an exceptional system in continuing to teach essential moral and character values to young men through high adventure, service, and advancement. From my Scouting experiences as a boy and a leader, I am convinced that Scouting makes a positive difference in our neighborhoods, communities, nation and the world. I am grateful to serve and will pledge to continue the inspired movement that was started nearly 100 years ago. Scouting needs boys and boys need Scouting. May all of you, the many leaders who volunteer and serve, have great success in instilling "On my honor" into the hearts of our future generation.

## 2003 Big Event Dutch oven recipes available online

Dutch Oven recipes for dishes that were entered at the 2003 Big Event cook-off are available on a new page on the Varsity Scout web site ([http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/Dutch\\_Oven/index.htm](http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/Dutch_Oven/index.htm)).

Remember these recipes are published as they were given to us. You may need to experiment with the ingredient amounts as those that cooked for us did not want to give away all their secrets.

Although the new recipe page is dedicated to the Big Event Dutch Oven Cook-off, we would be happy to include any recipes that you would like to share with fellow Scouts and Scouters. If you have recipes that you would like included on this

page send a copy to [vinfo@glsc-bsa.org](mailto:vinfo@glsc-bsa.org).

Because of statewide fire restrictions, entrants in this years cook-off were unable to use charcoal. For the first time year in the history of the cook-off competitors had to cook using propane only.

## VS Basic Training classes offered

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 become the greatest Varsity coach ever.

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
3	2651S 500 W	10/11	8:00 a.m.
12	1250 W 4375 S	10/11	TBA
26	1850 E 8600 S	10/11	8:00 a.m.
4	1155 N 1200 W	10/18	8:00 a.m.
16	5901 S 4000 W	10/18	8:00 a.m.
11	Tooele Junior High	11/6	7:30 p.m.
26	9880 S 3100 E	11/8	8:00 a.m.
GSLC	University of Scouting	12/6	8:30 a.m.
22	3900 S 2245 E	1/15	6:15 p.m.
13	TBA	1/10	8:00 a.m.

## 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 2003-2004 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*.

A web site for each district in the Great Salt Lake Council is included in the district section of the council web site. The URL is <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/districts/index.cfm>.

### District 2 (Stone Creek)

The Stone Creek District fall rendezvous was held September 26-27.

### District 3 (Indian Springs)

A half-day basic training session is planned in May. Val Verda Zone will host the class slated Saturday, October 11, at 8:00 a.m. at the Val Verda LDS stake center, 2651 South 500 West. For details, contact Duane Sjoberg, 292-0778.

### District 4 (City Creek)

Varsity Scout Fast-Start training is offered

following roundtable each month.

Varsity Scout leader basic training is offered Saturday, October 18, at 1155 North 1200 West. The half-day course begins at 8 a.m.

The full district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d4/training.cfm>. For information, contact Mark Maxfield, [mark.maxfield@utahhomes.com](mailto:mark.maxfield@utahhomes.com), 583-4503.

### District 10 (Westview)

Varsity Scout Fast-Start training, a 30-minute introduction to the basics of Scouting, is offered prior to the monthly roundtable at 6:30 p.m. (except in August and December). For information, contact Dave Walker, [dachawalk@sisna.com](mailto:dachawalk@sisna.com), at 969-8753.

### District 11 (Deseret Peak)

The Deseret Peak District turkey shoot is scheduled Saturday, October 11, at the Tooele Gun Club. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

Basic Training will be held concurrently with district roundtables at Tooele Junior High School, starting in November. They are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

### District 12 (Olde English Fort)

Varsity Scout leader basic training is offered Saturday, October 11, at 1250 West 4375 South. The half-day course begins at 8 a.m. The full district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d12/training/index.htm>.

### District 13 (Granger)

Topics for the October 2 roundtable include the annual planning conference and preparation for the upcoming council Turkey Shoot.

The Granger District Varsity Committee won a customized team flag for having the best group attendance at council roundtable meetings held between September 2002 and May 2003. The customization reads: "Team 13, Granger, Utah."

Because several members of the district Varsity committee have moved recently, there are a number of vacancies. Anyone interested in serving on the district committee during the coming year should contact Steve Honsvick, district vice chairman, or another member of the committee.

VS Fast-Start adult leader training is offered 30 minutes prior to the monthly roundtable in September. To make other arrangements, contact Glen Fairclough, district Varsity training coordinator, or check out the Varsity Fast Start video at the service center.

Scheduled dates for basic training are January 10, March 6, and May 15. Zone Commissioners can arrange basic training in their zones through Dale Walker, district 13 training coordinator.

Stay abreast of district events, current news, and meetings via the district's web site. The URL is <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d13/>.

#### **District 14 (Pony Express)**

The district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d14/training.htm>. For information, contact Clayne Robinson, [claynem@jsmechanical.com](mailto:claynem@jsmechanical.com).

#### **District 16 (Wagon Wheel)**

Varsity Scout leader basic training is offered Saturday, October 11, at 5901 South 4000 West. The half-day course begins at 8 a.m.

#### **District 17 (White Buffalo)**

UEA Weekend Super Event: The annual Utah Education Association (UEA) conference weekend (Oct. 17-18) is the time to plan a day off from work on Friday, or get off early. Take your boys ages 14 through 18 to East Fork of the Bear for an awesome weekend of high adventure activities. Among the planned activities are rock climbing, rappelling, shotgun shooting, rifle shooting, muzzle loader shooting, pistol shooting, tomahawk and knife throwing, mountain bikes, outdoor living history, backpacking or hiking (optional), wilderness backpacking instruction, and more. This event begins at 12 noon on Friday, October 17, and ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 18. The cost is \$8 per boy to cover the use of equipment and ammunition. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. For full details, contact David Bresnahan, 562-5362.

Little Philmont: This training event has never been held in our district before and there is no plan for another in the future. This is the second part of the LDS Relationships Conference with Elder Hammond, LDS Young Mens president, held last March. Everyone who attended that event should now participate in part 2. It will be held at the Bingham Creek Stake Center on Saturday, October 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch (pizza and drink) is available for \$4. For complete details, please attend roundtable on Thursday, October 2.

#### **District 25 (Cottonwood)**

The district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d25/d25Training.htm>.

#### **District 26 (Silver Mesa)**

Varsity Scout leader basic training is offered Saturday, October 11, at 1850 East 8600 South, and again on Saturday, November 8, at 9880 South 3100 East. The half-day course begins at 8 a.m. The full district training schedule is posted on the web site at [http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d26/basic\\_training.html](http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d26/basic_training.html).

#### **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.

Bryant S. (Bry) Davis joins the committee as council Varsity Scout Vice President, replacing Richard Aird. Aird served for 13 years. Paul White is the returning committee chairman while Mark Maxfield is the new roundtable commissioner. Resuming duties as program advisers are Dick Hill (service) and Don Sims (personal development). New program advisers include Charles Dressen who has served for 3 years as faithfully as Roundtable commission will take over as Advancement Advisor, Dave Walker changes assignments from High Adventure advisor to Special Programs and Events. and Turkey Shoot Chairman. and Dave Acker moves from Executive Secretary to the position of High Adventure Program Advisor sports).

Joining the committee as assistant program advisers are Hal Myers (Training Assistant, and On-Belay Course Director), Rick Johnson (Biathlon Chairman). Wendell Wilde ( Chairman of Big Event). Ernie Steffensen returns as an at-large committee member.

Other continuing committee members are Lars Smith who has served for 8 years as Advancement Advisor will become (Operation On-Target committee chairman), Martin Christensen (training coordinator), Bryce Swanson (publicity and promotion committee chairman), Curt Lytle (publicity committee and webmaster), Scott Peatross (Scout-O-Rama and Varsity Committee Quartermaster), and Glen Fairclough (*Varsity Letter* editor).

Four professional Scouters work with the committee. Craig Edwards is the adviser to Varsity Scouting. In his activity assignments Edwards will work with the Big Event. Dave Kunz (facilities

adviser) will work with the quartermaster and has an activity assignment to work with the Turkey Shoot. Bob Gowans will advise Varsity Training and will work with On Belay. Dan Warlick is the adviser to programs, including Operation On-Target and the biathlon.

Departing members of the 2002-2003 council committee include Randy Farnsworth and Rick Dalton (quartermasters).

## Council roundtable report

Preparations for the annual Turkey Shoot were the focus of the September roundtable at Camp Tracy. Leaders got a taste of the event, firing three shotgun shells each on the Camp Tracy rifle range. Districts may use the range for roundtable instruction. A spring-loaded thrower is recommended for range use. An instructional video tape offering tips on how to shoot trap may be borrowed from Jim Wood, 484-7970. Wood is also willing to visit district roundtable sessions as well as team meetings to provide instruction. Over 100 NRA certified instructors live within the council. A list is available at the service center.

Committee leaders announced in September 2002 that the district committee with the best roundtable attendance percentage through May 2003 would receive a group award. Winners of the prize, a customized BSA team flag, are members of the District 13 Varsity committee.

A propane-powered fire circle is the prize for the best attendance over the coming year.

An updated version of the Guide to Safe Scouting has been published by the BSA. Craig Edwards recommends that leaders take note of recent changes, especially the addition of a new vehicle inspection check list. He also suggests a periodic review of the guide to ensure that leaders comply with BSA policy. Edwards reminded leaders that the three Rs of Youth Protection are "Recognize, Resist, and Report."

Enhancements to the Varsity Scout section of the Great Salt Lake Council web site make it easier to get information about the Varsity program, events, and district roundtables. Separate rosters listing each member of the council committee (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/committee/index.htm>) and district vice chairmen (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/district/index.htm>), have been posted. Where available, an e-mail links to contact each individual is included.

### Varsity Scout Program Feature Reports:

**Service:** A service project will be available to teams participating in the annual Turkey Shoot at the Lee Kay Center on Saturday, October 25.

**Special Programs and Events:** The 2003 Varsity Big Event was a great success. Thanks to Ernie Steffensen for all his hard work in preparing for the event. He spent many days before the event with volunteers re-building the climbing and rappelling towers. The new towers will be a great asset to the council and all the camps at East Fork. Youth program managers who served on the organizing committee included: Jaron Mathis, Special Programs and Events; Stu Hansen and Tyler Tate, Advancement; Aaron Anderson and Alex Malovich, High Adventure; Brian Steffensen, Personal Development; and Jake Lloyd, Service.

Teams can begin preparations for next summer's Big Event by acquiring equipment and practicing together for various events. The Big Event is considered as a camporee, not a long-term camp.

Registration for the annual Turkey Shoot (Saturday, October 25) is under way. Teams are reminded to bring their receipt with them to the competition. For additional information, contact Dave Walker, [dachawalk@sisna.com](mailto:dachawalk@sisna.com), at 969-8753.

**High Adventure and Sports:** Video tapes promoting the Teton High Adventure Base were distributed to district vice chairmen.

**Training:** Make plans now to register for the 2004 On Belay and Wood Badge leadership courses. Leaders are encouraged to register for one of the two Wood Badge Courses. Pam Smith is the director for the spring weekend course and Andy Wilde is director for the summer weeklong course. On Belay, a weeklong leadership course designed to provide team training for both adult and youth leaders, is scheduled at the East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, July 26-31. Hal Myers is course director. Paul Aldous will coordinate Varsity Scout leader training at the University of Scouting, Saturday, December 6.

## Roundtable calendar set

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council Varsity roundtable on the third Wednesday of each month in the Murray High School Little Theater. (Roundtable formerly was held 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.

Dates and themes for upcoming council roundtables follow:

**October 15, 2003:** Training

**November 19, 2003:** Winter Camping

**December 17, 2003:** Cooking Equipment

**January 21, 2004:** Biathlon

**February 18, 2004:** Service

**March 17, 2004:** Scout-O-Rama Preparation, Big Event

**April 21, 2004:** Operation On-Target

**May 19, 2004:** Safe Scouting

No roundtable meetings are scheduled in June and July. Planning for October 2004-May 2005 will occur in August 2004.

## JOTA planned Oct. 18-19

The 46th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is scheduled October 18-19, 2003. 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 BSA web site (<http://www.scouting.org/international/jota.html>) and the October 2003 issue of *Scouting* magazine.

## 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/award/service/silver\\_beaver.htm](http://www.gslc-bsa.org/award/service/silver_beaver.htm).

## Holiday auction planned

The Great Salt Lake Council's fourteenth annual Holiday Auction is scheduled at the South Towne Exposition Center on Friday, November 14, 2003.

The auction includes hundreds of items, including sports and recreational equipment, Hollywood memorabilia, grocery buying spree, electronics, furniture, tours and vacations, clothing, medical and dental care, entertainment, cookery, arts and music, pets, tools, toys and much, much more!

The \$55.00 per couple auction ticket provides a grand holiday dinner catered by Utah Foodservice, bid number, and a terrific night of fun and fellowship featuring Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband. Tickets may be purchased at the Great Salt Lake Council Service Center. Catalogs

will be mailed prior to the auction. All proceeds will be used to benefit Scoutreach, a program which provides value-based activities to "at-risk" boys that otherwise would be unavailable to them - activities that build character, citizenship skills, and physical fitness. A holiday auction fact sheet is posted on the council web site, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/ev events/auction/index.cfm>.

## University of Boy Scouting classes set December 6

Several courses built around the Varsity Scout program are offered at this year's University of Scouting, to be held Saturday, December 6, at Salt Lake Community College, Redwood Campus (4600 South Redwood Road).

Among the offerings in the Dan Beard College of High Adventure are the following courses (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/uofscout/danbeard.cfm>): Varsity Scout Leader Basic Training; New Varsity Handbook and Team Program Features; Building a Weekly Program; Varsity Advancement, Letter and Denali Award; Working With and Understanding Varsity Age Youth; Primitive Fire Building and Embers Award; Mountain Man Skills; Advanced Backpacking; Orientation for Safe Climbing; Kayak Construction; and Wilderness Survival and First Aid.

A class describing how Scouting's resources can assist the new LDS Duty to God program has again been included in this year's curriculum. Other popular classes include Dutch Oven Cooking and Utensil-less Cooking. A four-hour Boy Scout Basic Training session in Spanish is also offered. Printed catalogs are available at the council service center and at all scout shops. An electronic version is available through the council web site, [http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/uofscout\\_2003.pdf](http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/uofscout_2003.pdf).

The registration fee is \$12 per person for those registered by November 25. Thereafter, the fee will be \$15 per person. Lunch is available from the community college cafeteria for \$6. The fee must be paid by November 25. Registration forms are included in the catalog or may be downloaded from the web site. Class size is limited. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is advised. Scouters may register for up to six hours of courses. Five hours are required to earn the Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree. On-site check-in and registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the LDS Institute Building. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. until 2:20 p.m.

Bachelor's and Master's Degrees with the accompanying bolo tie or council strip (student's choice) will be handed out at 2:30 p.m. in the registration area.

The program was developed for the dual purpose of recognizing adult leaders and to assist them to develop the skills and desire to influence the life of a boy. The courses offered help meet the need for supplementary training and continuing education in Scout programs and administration. The program is designed to help each of us become better leaders of young men; become more proficient in basic skills; and receive advanced training in Scout skills, administration, and philosophy.

## Annual fund drive opens

The annual Friends of Scouting fund raising campaign provides some of the funds needed by the Great Salt Lake Council to teach scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America's future leaders. You can help shape America's future by investing in Scouting. A summary of the council budget, including pie charts explaining budget sources and expenses, is found at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/fundraising/fos.htm>.

Those who contribute \$100 or more to the Friends of Scouting Campaign will receive the fourth in a series of twelve recognition patches. These yearly recognitions will feature a different shoulder patch highlighting landmarks of the State of Utah. Details are available at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/fundraising/fosrecognition.htm>.

The Friends of Scouting 12-year recognition program began in 2001. The 2004 patch--which highlights Delicate Arch, our nation's flag, and the fourth point of the Scout Law: Friendly--will be presented to those who contribute \$100. Previous year's patches are also available for a donation of an additional \$100 per patch.

## Gold Club discounts offered

The Great Salt Lake Council Friends of Scouting Gold Club has been established to recognize institutions who have made a good faith effort in the Friends of Scouting campaign by producing a measurable improvement over results of the previous year and helps the district meet its responsibility to the Council budget. Each

individual resident within the institution must have had the opportunity to be a Friend of Scouting and the cash amount given to the Scout Office by March 31, 2004. Discount details are available at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/fundraising/goldclub.htm>.

## OA elections and ordeal

If your team has not held an Order of the Arrow election in the past year, it is time to have one for your boys. Every Scout is entitled to have the opportunity to receive this honor. The OA is the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boys who have been elected should plan to attend the Ordeal weekend, Friday and Saturday, October 10-11, at Camp Tracy. If they cannot make that date, another will be provided in the future.

## 2003-'04 Varsity calendar

**46th Jamboree on the Air**, October 18-19, 2003

**Turkey Shoot**, Saturday, October 25, 2003

**Biathlon**, February 2004

**Scouting for Food Drive**, Saturday, March 27, 2004

**Scout-O-Rama**, Saturday, May 1, 2004

**Big Event**, East Fork of the Bear, Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, 2004

**Operation On-Target**, Saturday, July 17

**On Belay youth and adult leader training**, East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, July 26-31, 2004

**Jamboral 2004**, September 17-18, 2004

**47th Jamboree on the Air**, October 16-17, 2004

**Turkey Shoot**, Saturday, October 23, 2004

