



# The Varsity Letter



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## Council executive board names new Scout Executive

The Great Salt Lake Council Executive Board met January 14 and welcomed Paul Moore as the council's new Scout Executive.

Moore, who has been a professional Scouter for 47 years, served as the Scout Executive of the Last Frontier Council in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the past eleven years. The council grew 77 percent during Moore's tenure.

In a farewell message posted on the Frontier Council web site, Moore wrote, "My new assignment carries the responsibility for serving 80,000 youth and 35,000 adults, one of America's largest councils. We hope to grow in quality and in quantity, just as has happened here. The council has great growth potential and we are joining them at a very exciting time.

"Our travels along the Scouting trail have taken Judy and me to New York state, three different cities in North Carolina, Virginia, Oklahoma, and now to Utah. The Scouting profession is a great place to spend a lifetime, and we have enjoyed each place."

John R. Reese, council president, introduced Moore at the council roundtable, January 21. Reese explained that a 10-member volunteer search committee conducted a nationwide search which attracted eight applicants. The committee narrowed the field to six candidates before selecting three finalists. Following the interviews, Moore was the committee's unanimous choice.

Moore described driving into a parking lot at a local elementary school on roundtable night and finding it full. He said that is a sign that Scouters are finding what they need.

Noting the Great Salt Lake Council's "strong reputation, a wonderful history, and a promising future," Moore said the council is an example of the "right way to do Scouting."

With his wife along, Moore demonstrated his commitment to the new job by spending his first Friday night in Salt Lake City attending a camp with Order of the Arrow lodge officers.

Moore succeeds Martin W. Latimer, who retired last October after 14 years as the Scout Executive in the Great Salt Lake Council. A 36-year veteran, Latimer worked in Idaho and California before coming to Utah. Latimer planned to pursue personal interests and travel in retirement. C. Earl Armstrong, the director of field services who has 28 years of service with the council, served as interim Scout Executive.

Nationally, the Great Salt Lake Council ranks highly both in terms of the number of traditional Boy Scout troops (first) and the total number of boys registered (third). New York City tops the nation in the latter category.

## Scout Month observed

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was founded as a character-building program by Chicago publisher William Boyce on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday observances on February 8, 2004, will commemorate the organization's 94th anniversary. Other activities throughout February will mark the anniversary month. Congress granted a charter to the BSA on June 15, 1916.

## Biathlon slated February 28

A mountain man biathlon organized by the Great Salt Lake Council is scheduled Saturday, February 28, at historic Fort Buenaventura in Ogden. Competition begins at 9:30 a.m. Teams may register upon check-in at the event. The cost is \$5.00 per participant.

Rather than utilizing the Olympic-style target rifles and cross-country skis of the modern-day

biathlon, the Varsity Scout rendezvous theme will be invoked at this rather unique event as participants traverse a marked trail on snowshoes (weather permitting) and utilize primitive muzzle loading black powder rifles. The biathlon is a timed event with two stops on the course to shoot at targets from standing and prone positions. Contestants will be allowed two practice shots after checking in at the registration station.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third-place individuals and one for the best team score immediately following the competition.

Teams may consider incorporating the biathlon into the Cross Country Skiing, Shooting Sports, and Snow Camping Varsity Scout program features. Participation in the biathlon satisfies the Varsity Letter award requirement to participate in a high adventure/sports activity (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/Advancement/index.htm>, see requirement 2).

Organizers are planning team building activities, tug of war, a winterized soccer match, and a snowshoe races (weather permitting). Optional overnight camping at the fort is also available by contacting Weber County Parks & Recreation at 801-625-3850.

Historic Fort Buenaventura (<http://ogdencvb.org/fortb.html>) is located at 2450 South 'A' Street, near the old baseball park west of Ogden. Take exit 347 off I-15 in Ogden.

Tour permits are required. For event specifics and registration information, download the event flyer from the council web site (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/biathlon/index.htm>), or contact Rick Johnson, [Biathlon\\_info@yahoo.com](mailto:Biathlon_info@yahoo.com). The registration form is found at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/biathlon/registration.pdf>.

## 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 March and April ([http://members.networld.com/gslc\\_d17/Images/March2004NRAClassesflyer.pdf](http://members.networld.com/gslc_d17/Images/March2004NRAClassesflyer.pdf)). The registration deadline is February 28, 2004. For additional information, contact Rodney Clawson at [bish@xmission.com](mailto:bish@xmission.com), or inquire at the council service center, 525 Foothill Blvd, Salt Lake City,

84113, 801-582-3663.

## Trainer development set

The Great Salt Lake Council Trainers Development Conference will be offered at the Camp Tracy Training Center on Saturday, March 6. Trainer Development Conference is advanced training for all adult leaders who wish to continue their skills in Training. A certificate for completing Trainers Development Conference will be a requirement for being a member of advanced training teams in the Council. Participants are encouraged to be in uniform and bring their own pen or pencil. Handouts and a binder will be provided.

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the opening promptly at 8:00 a.m. The conference will conclude at 3:30 p.m. The \$10 training donation covers recognitions, training materials, cracker barrels, and lunch.

## Commissioners to meet

This year's College of Commissioner Science is scheduled at the Camp Tracy Training Center Saturday, March 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The college offers training for unit commissioners, leaders, and committee members. Four degrees are available: Basic Course, Bachelor Course, Master Course, and Doctoral Course. For information, visit <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/commissioner.htm>.

## VS Basic Training classes offered

The Varsity Scout basic training class is designed for all adult and youth leaders. Those who can benefit from the basic training include adult coaches, assistant coaches, program advisers, and committee members, and youth team captains, co-captains, and program managers.

The *Varsity Scout Guidebook* (WW34827A) is the class textbook. Please bring your personal copy with you to the training.

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 Scout leader ever.

<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
26	2180 E Meadow Lark Wy	2/7	8:00 a.m.
4	TBA	2/28	8:00 a.m.
26	2126 E Gyrfalcon	3/6	7:30 a.m.
28	13366 S 1300 E	3/18	6:30 p.m.
3	2064 South 800 West	3/20	8:00 a.m.
26	9119 S 1300 E	3/20	8:00 a.m.
22	TBA	4/8	6:15 p.m.
13	3276 S Hillsdale Dr	4/10	8:00 a.m.
26	9636 S 1700 E	4/17	7:45 a.m.
GSLC	Big Event	6/17-19	TBA
GSLC	On Belay	7/26-31	TBA
GSLC	University of Scouting	12/4	8:30 a.m.

## Merit badge pow wows set

Annual merit badge pow wows are planned by several districts in February and March.

Districts planning multi-week merit badge pow wows in February are Pony Express (14), February 7 and 14; Golden Eagle (15) February 7, 14, and 21; and White Buffalo (no. 17) February 7, 14, and 21. Granger District (13) is planning a one-week pow wow on March 13. Details are available from the district vice chairman.

## Spring rendezvous planned

Three districts plan spring mountain man rendezvous events in during April.

A spring rendezvous organized jointly by the Deseret Peak (11) and Granger (13) districts is scheduled April 23-24 at Big Hollow along Utah 199 between Rush Valley and Dugway in Tooele County.

Golden Eagle District (15) plans a Varsity Scout rendezvous in conjunction with the district spring camporee in April at the Clover Springs Campground southwest of Tooele.

## 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)

Curt Wilbur is the new Varsity Scout vice chairman in Stone Creek District.

### District 4 (City Creek)

Varsity Scout Fast-Start training is offered to new Varsity Scout leaders following roundtable each month.

A four-hour basic training session is planned beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28. Locations will be announced. For information, contact Jim Wood.

### 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 additional information, contact Mike Lingwall at 250-0880.

### District 11 (Deseret Peak)

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

A spring mountain man rendezvous organized jointly by the Deseret Peak and Granger (13) districts is scheduled April 23-24 at Big Hollow along Utah 199 between Rush Valley and Dugway in Tooele County.

Contact Bryan Slade for more information.

### District 12 (Olde English Fort)

The full district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d12/training/index.htm>.

Contact Woody Haycock for information about district events.

**District 13 (Granger)**

Because several members of the district Varsity committee moved last year, 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. To make other arrangements, contact Glen Fairclough, district Varsity training coordinator, or check out the Varsity Fast Start video at the service center.

The next scheduled date for basic training is April 10. Zone Commissioners can arrange basic training in their zones through Dale Walker, district 13 training coordinator.

Granger District will hold its annual merit badge pow wow Saturday, March 13.

A spring mountain man rendezvous organized jointly by the Granger and Deseret Peak (11) districts is scheduled April 23-24 at Big Hollow along Utah 199 between Rush Valley and Dugway in Tooele County.

Teams should also begin looking forward to participation in the Big Event at East Fork of the Bear in June.

Teams are encouraged to register for the week-long On Belay leadership training at East Fork of the Bear, July 26-31.

Coaches will also want to take advantage of one of the Wood Badge courses offered in 2004. Scholarships may be available through your zone or the Wood Badge Association.

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)**

Ole B. Jensen is the new Varsity Scout vice chairman in the Pony Express District.

The district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d14/training.htm>.

Pony Express district will hold a two-week merit badge pow wow on February 7 and 14. For information, contact Ole Jensen.

**District 15 (Golden Eagle)**

A three-week district merit badge pow wow

is scheduled February 7, 14, and 21.

A Varsity Scout rendezvous is planned in conjunction with the district spring camporee in April at the Clover Springs Campground southwest of Tooele.

Contact Jim Crane ([cranejh@juno.com](mailto:cranejh@juno.com)) for additional information.

**District 17 (White Buffalo)**

**Roundtable:** Just a reminder that we are on our normal schedule for February. Roundtable meetings and training will be help as usual in the same places as always. Please plan to attend Roundtable this Thursday.

Exciting things are happening to increase our support for the Varsity and Venture programs. Full details will be provided at the Roundtable, so please be there to learn about:

- February Biathlon
- March Cave Exploration
- Indoor and Outdoor Rock Climbing
- Shooting and Climbing at Spring Camporee
- Big Event in June
- On Belay leadership training for youth and adult leaders
- Special Discount at Teton High Adventure Base

As you can see, there are plenty of reasons to attend Roundtable on Thursday night.

The annual **awards banquet** will be held in March at a location yet to be determined. Varsity Leaders are assigned to bring a main course for 12 (Dutch oven if possible)

A three-week district **merit badge pow wow** is scheduled February 14, 21, and 28. Classes for 20 different merit badges will be taught at the LDS meetinghouse at 6500 S Dixie Dr (3665 W). Most classes require participation all three weeks. Each boy may select up to four merit badges. Boys may attend with their unit or individually.

**District activities:** The annual district Varsity/Venture cross country ski trip is scheduled February 6-7. Advance registration is suggested. Participants should pack light and take their own skis, boots, and poles. Leaders plan to depart as a group from the roundtable building parking lot. Advance registration is required.

The annual district Varsity/Venture caveman weekend is planned March 5-6.

A combined Varsity/Venture backpacking trip is set May 14-15.

Rock climbing day is slated May 22.

District leaders have just arranged for a fantastic opportunity for boys 13 and up to attend the Teton High Adventure base at a discount. Let's have our whole district attend during the same week and have lots of fun together at one of the finest high adventure BSA bases in America. Join us either August 12-14 or August 19-21 and save \$45 off the normal price of \$195; all meals included. Register now to hold your spot by calling Don Bean (camp director) at the Scout office at 582-3663. Tell him you are from District 17.

For additional information about district activities, contact Hal Myers (Hal.Myers@fairchildsemi.com) or David Bresnahan (David@Bresnahan.org).

#### **District 18 (Wasatch Peaks)**

Contact Glen Jones (glen.jones@twcompany.com) for information about district events.

#### **District 21 (Granite Trails)**

Topics for upcoming roundtable meetings include: winter survival (February 5), CPR training (March 4), climbing (April 1), and cooking (May 6). For additional information, contact Bryant Furness.

#### **District 22 (East Millcreek)**

A topic based on the leader interest survey taken during the December roundtable will be presented February 5. Among the topics identified through the interest survey are the following:

1. Mountain Man skills (Flint knapping, glass crunching, arrow making, leather tanning, etc.)
2. Primitive fire building (Embers Award)
3. Scrimshaw on powderhorns, etc
4. Blacksmithing
5. Dutch oven
6. Jerky preparation
7. Emergency Survival
8. Planning for weekly activities
9. Religious awards coordination
10. Leadership Training for Youth: On Belay
11. Varsity Guidebook
12. Varsity Scout advancement

13. Orientation for safe climbing
14. Utensil-less Cooking
15. Caving, spelunking
16. Games with a purpose
17. Possible uniforms for Varsity Scouts
18. The Denali Award
19. Varsity Scouting on the World Wide Web
20. How to plan 3-12 months in advance
21. Coordinating merit badge study
22. The 3 Three-Month Merit Badges
23. Boards of Review
24. Varsity Scout Coach's Minute
25. Service ideas
26. Camping ideas
27. Winter Camping
28. Kayak construction

The district ice-fishing Klondike will be February 27-28 at Rockport. Varsity Scouts are welcome.

The next schedule date for basic training is April 8. For additional information, contact Doug Flegal (doc.flegal@juno.com) or Doug Mortenson.

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

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

Contact Bart Daniels for information about district events.

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

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).

Contact Dave Acker for information about district events.

#### **District 28 (Eagle Peaks)**

The full district training schedule is posted on the web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/d28/training.htm>.

Contact Carlos Madsen for information about district events.

## Council news

### **Council roundtable report**

Leaders in each district were assigned to complete the harness on two pair of snowshoes to ensure that an adequate number of snowshoes is available for biathlon participants.

District leaders were given a taste of the upcoming biathlon by teaming up on a pair of "skis" and traversing a short course down the hall outside the Murray High School Little Theater and shooting rubber bands at a target.

The committee welcomed Tom Hacking, the new Varsity committee webmaster and a member of the council web team. Hacking replaces Curt Lytle, who resigned in December.

**Favorite Camping Sites:** A 50-mile trek through the back country of Yellowstone National Park is a popular activity for Mark Maxfield and his Varsity team. Maxfield's team travels to the Shoshone Lake every 2-3 years. Because the trek is not for novices, advance preparation and training is necessary. Shoshone Lake, the largest backcountry lake in the lower 48, is managed as wilderness. It has no road access, primitive campsites, and only hand-propelled boats may reach its waters. Strict regulations are imposed by the National Park Service. Advance reservations are recommended. The limit of eight-people per campsite is strictly enforced, although larger groups may paddle together. High winds are a daily occurrence and create very challenging and hazardous conditions for paddlers. Wood fires are not permitted. Bears are frequent visitors in the area. Food storage poles are provided in all campsites. Primitive pit toilets are provided in all campsites. Additional information is available by contacting Mark Maxfield, Paul White, Ole Jensen, or Hal Myers.

**Coach's Corner:** Charles Dressen's story about problem solving encouraged thinking "outside the box" and reinforced the concept that more than one solution is possible when we think creatively.

### **Varsity Scout Program Feature Reports:**

**Advancement:** Charles Dressen reported that only 12 of the nearly 20,000 Varsity Scouts registered in the council earned the Denali Award in 2003. Dressen challenged district leaders to meet the goal of having an equal number of recipients of the Denali award and

Eagle Scouts in 2004. Leaders should provide information about the Denali award to teams throughout council. Requirements for the award are listed on the council web site at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/Advancement/index.htm>. In addition, scorecards are available in the *Varsity Scout Guidebook* (page A-19) and at Scout Shops.

The Varsity committee would like to compile a list of all Varsity Scouts in the council who have received the Denali Award since it was introduced. Past recipients should contact Craig Edwards, council Varsity Scout adviser, by calling 582-3663 or by completing the e-mail form at <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/contact/form.cfm?recordID=222>.

**Special Programs and Events:** Varsity Scout teams can begin preparations for next summer's Big Event by acquiring equipment and practicing together for various events. The Big Event is considered a camporee, not a long-term camp. Meetings to plan the 2004 Big Event have begun. Wendell Wilde is the committee chairman.

**Service:** Varsity Scouts are encouraged to shovel the walkways of widows, the elderly, and those with physical limitations. Not only does this provide an chance to serve, but it provides an opportunity to get to know the people of our neighborhood.

Leaders are reminded to include the annual Scouting for Food drive (March 27) on their planning calendars.

**Personal Development:** Varsity teams are admonished to include Scout-O-Rama on their annual activity calendars. The 2004 Scout-O-Rama will take place at the Fairpark on May 1. Each district is encouraged to have a booth which demonstrates Varsity Scouting. Varsity booths are being relocated further east. In addition, plans call for running two climbing towers to accommodate all who wish to participate.

**High Adventure and Sports:** Leaders are reminded of the importance of being aware of weather conditions and avalanche danger when going on winter hikes and camps. The Wasatch Cache National Forest Service web page

(<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/conditions/>) provides current information about weather, road conditions, and ongoing fires and emergencies. Weather information includes links to the National Weather Service (<http://weather.noaa.gov/weather/current/KSLC.html>) and National Avalanche Center (<http://www.avalanche.org/>) web sites. The URL for the Utah Avalanche Center is <http://www.avalanche.org/~uac/>.

**Training:** District trainers may purchase copies of the basic training syllabus and CD at the service center or Scout Shops.

Two Wood Badge courses are on the 2004 calendar. Pam Smith is the director for the spring weekend course and Andy Wilde is director for the summer week-long course. On Belay, the council's week-long Junior Leader Training Conference, is scheduled at the East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation, July 26-31. This leadership course designed to provide team training for both adult and youth leaders. Hal Myers is the course director.

## Roundtable calendar set

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council Varsity roundtable on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Roundtable is now held at Murray High School, 5440 South State. The meeting is held in the Little Theater (room 105) on the first floor (<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/documents/map.pdf>).

Parking is available on the south side of the school and Scouters may enter the school from the south side. 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:

**February 18, 2004:** Service

**March 17, 2004:** Preparations for Scout-O-Rama and the 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.

## Council Vice President's Message

### Leadership: Centerpiece of the VS team and the boy

*By Bry Davis*

One of the eight purposes of the Boy Scouts of America is **to develop American citizens who are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to the American Society and in the forums of the world.**

This important statement is sometimes overlooked or forgotten by us, the adult leaders. Every Team event and activity should revolve around developing the boys' leadership skills. A wise Team Coach will spend more of his time training the Team Captain in the skills of leadership than any other effort. In reflections, do we consider how the boys feel about his Team? A good tool to measure the success of your Team is by **asking the boy** who is running the Team. If the answer is the adult leader than we have much room for improvement. If the answer is **"it's our program"** than we are well on our way in developing the capable leaders of tomorrow. There is no doubt in my mind the boys want to succeed. They want to have experiences in high adventure and to be physically fit. Their hearts are thrilled when giving opportunities to serve others and their community. Boys love to achieve and grow when they see the fruits of high team spirit and high ideals of fellow scouts. Always remember it's about the boy and providing the training of the many skills leadership so our families, communities and nations future will be centered in the good character values that count!

## Council to recognize Silver Beaver recipients

The Great Salt Lake Council will recognize 60 recipients of the Silver Beaver Award in ceremonies conducted Tuesday, March 9, at the Bountiful Regional Center.

Among those to be honored are several from the Varsity Scout program. Included are: David J. Acker, Silver Mesa District (26) Bryce Arnold Clinger, Farmington Bay District (1) Bryant S. Davis, Indian Springs District (3) Evan R. Farnsworth, Wasatch Peaks District (18)

Steven Honsvick, Granger District (13)  
 Fred H. Repman, Silver Mesa District (26)  
 Donald Mac Sims, Farmington Bay District (1)  
 Bryant Thelin, Wasatch Peaks District (18)  
 Curt Wilbur, Stone Creek District (2)

## On Belay leader course set

Registrations are now being accepted for both youth and adult participants who want to see a Varsity Scout team in action. On Belay teaches that a young man is capable of planning and running a program which meets the aims and methods of Scouting. It teaches young men to aspire to higher values and rely upon a coach and his committee as a resource to accomplish the activities they have planned.

The course will run July 26-31, 2004, at the East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation. Registration is \$155 per person, which includes the cost of project materials, instruction supplies, handouts, food, cap, T-shirt, and insurance. A \$10 discount applies when the fee is paid before July 14. An additional 10 percent discount per person is available for teams when at least two leaders and six boys register together. For information, see the On Belay web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/onbelay/index.htm>. Registration forms are also available at district roundtable meetings and at any Scout Shop, or downloaded from the council web site.

## Wood Badge courses slated

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 volunteer leaders and professionals.

The spring weekend course will be held at Camp Tracy in April (15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24), and the summer week-long course at the Travis Training Center at the East Fork of the Bear Boy Scout Camp runs August 9-14.

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](mailto:woodbadge@gslc-bsa.org), or visit the web site: <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/woodbadge>. Registration forms are available at district roundtable meetings, at any Scout Shop, or downloaded from the council web site.

## Jamboral 2004 planned

All Scout troops in the Great Salt Lake Council are invited to a council jamboree overnight encampment to be held Friday and Saturday, September 17-18, 2004, at the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Events Center in South Jordan.

"Celebrate Our Founding Fathers" is the theme for Jamboral 2004. The event will give Scouts the opportunity to experience a "jamboree-style" encampment.

Jamboral leader's guide available at the council service center and Scout Shops.

Registration under way. The cost is \$15 per person (Scout or leader) if made by September 3, 2004. After September 3, the cost increases to \$20 per person. Registration includes a full embroidered hat, Jamboral patch, and 22 district trading pins. Registration forms may be downloaded from the Jamboral web site <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/events/jamboral.cfm>. Online registration and payment available.

## 2004 Varsity Scout calendar

**Biathlon**, Saturday, February 28

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

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

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

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

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

**Jamboral 2004**, September 17-18

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

**Turkey Shoot**, Saturday, October 23

## The Varsity Letter

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

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