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Grand Centennial Parade

July 25, 2010

“Scouting in Action – A Century of Values”Constitution Avenue (7th to 17th St NW)
Washington, DC***Everyone loves a parade!!***

Councils across the land: Come on down in July 2010 and be part of the Grand Centennial Parade of the Boy Scouts of America. The Parade is being co-sponsored by the National Council and the National Capital Area Council. Many councils have already expressed great interest. We are now able to share greater details with you as we move forward with the planning – so here is the latest update:

When: July 25, 2010, 1:00 pm step-off. Most marching elements will begin assembling by 11:00 am. Participants will need to plan to be in DC around 10:00 am for staging. Last elements will disperse by 5:00 pm...

Where: Constitution Avenue in the heart of our Nation’s Capital, from 7th Street NW to 17th Street NW, past many prominent and historic monuments and the White House. This is the first BSA parade to be held on Constitution Avenue since the 1937 National Jamboree.

Themes: *Scouting in Action:* Five floats depicting BSA core principles of Leadership, Achievement, Service, Character and Outdoors.

A Century of Values: Ten historic divisions, each representing a decade, followed by the Eagle Scout division.

Features: Every BSA council is invited to send a marching unit of 21 Scouts. Could be Cubs, Boy Scouts, Venturers, or a composite unit, your choice! ***Bring your council colors!***

NCAC will provide another 6- 9,000 youth, either marching or reviewing the parade.

Councils will be organized by States which will be distributed across all the decades (e.g., Alabama will be in the first, Wyoming in the last).

1-2 bands or drum and bugle corps in each division. Many are or originated from Boy Scout units and are nationally renowned. ***If your council has a marching musical unit, let us know.***

Helium balloons...floats...antique cars...

Highlights of historical Scouting events within each decade...

National Jamboree troops who are not officially representing their council in the parade will have the honor to serve as “Reviewing Units” at designated positions along the parade route.

General Information: Limited camping is available at Camp William B. Snyder located in Haymarket, VA (1 hour away). See the NCAC web site at www.boyscouts-ncac.org.

Before and after the parade, enjoy “Centennial Scouting on the Mall,” featuring Adventure Base 100. We will offer daytime Scouting activities like geocaching and historic hikes that will run continuously from July 23 through August 8.

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Councils: Your marching unit should consist of 21 participants, consisting of one council flag bearer and 20 marchers (ideally 18 youth 2 Adults). While you may opt to draw your marching unit from members of your Jamboree contingent, it could be a combined unit of Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers which together reflect the diversity of your council. There is unlimited room for Scouts to view the parade – you can bring a marching unit and a cheering section! *All participants must be coordinated through their respective council.*

All participants must agree to wear a complete BSA uniform. Crews must be in identical attire.

Your council marching unit must bring your council flag.

If you have a marching band or drum and bugle corps, please let us know on your registration. There is a separate application process. If selected, the musical group will not count as your council marching unit, unless you so decide. The participation fee for the council marching unit is \$20 per person, adult or youth. There is no fee for a musical group that is selected to participate.

Council Registration: Council representatives may go to www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial, select NCAC/BSA Grand Centennial Parade and download the registration form.

National Capital Area Council Units: NCAC Jamboree units will act as ceremonial marshals. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts will be invited to march in the parade. Criteria for participation are being developed.

In the following decades, we will require an NCAC unit to volunteer to march and represent historic units with a platoon of at least 20 Scouts: 1910 Sea Scout Ship, 1930 Cub Scout Pack, 1930 Order of the Arrow, 1940 Explorer Post, 1950 Webelos Den, 1960 Women Explorers, 1980 Tiger Cub Den, 1980 Venturing Crew, 1980 Varsity Team, 1990 Learning for life.

Each historic unit should research and develop appropriate period uniforms.

We will require at least one NCAC troop, crew or ship to volunteer for each division to provide up to four banner bearers and 45-55 color guard and flag bearers.

Each unit should research and develop appropriate period uniforms for their decade

We will require an NCAC Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship to assign 20 members to walk with each float: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Outdoor, and Achievement; and 100 Boy Scouts to carry 100 massed American Flags.

Complete contemporary uniforms

The following special assignments must be filled by adults or Venturers at least 18 years old and weighing at least 110 pounds:

- Parade Lead Banner (2)
- Feather Flags (110)
- Walking American Flag (45)
- 30x60 Large American Flag (40)
- Balloon handlers (220)
- Group Captains for some parade elements (164)

As with every Scouting event, we require two-deep leadership. Every marching unit will require two adults. In addition, reviewing units will require at least two, possibly more, to maintain proper decorum as Scouts wait for and review the parade.

NCAC Unit Registration: Under construction...Keep checking with www.boyscouts-ncac.org/centennial.