Message from the Young Men General Presidency

The Scouting Bridge

President Thomas S. Monson has said: “If ever there were a time when the principles of Scouting were vitally needed—that time is now.”

On another occasion, he observed: “Scouting brings out the best in each of us. You’ve learned much from Scouting. Live what you’ve learned and will continue to learn. Help others to hike the trails, to keep steadfast in the paths of truth, of honor, of duty, that all of you can soar together on eagles’ wings. … May you uphold Scouting’s tradition, for it can be as a lighthouse beacon in the world of stormy seas, it can be a motivation to prepare for your role in life, it can be a yardstick against which you measure your accomplishments.”

Most recently, at the 2013 “Century of Honor” celebration, President Monson said: “As you continue to participate in this fine program, your abilities to think, to plan, and to achieve will be heightened. This, along with your personal integrity and spirituality, will help guide you and keep you on the right path as you journey through life.”

Scoutmaster Tony McClain from Malad, Idaho, was concerned with the small number of boys in his Latter-day Saint ward who were participating in Scouting, knowing that a larger number of boys often made for a richer Scouting experience. After counseling together, McClain and his patrol leaders concluded that they had two choices: they could passively wait for more boys to reach Scouting age, or they could take matters in their own hands and go out and invite more neighborhood boys to participate.

The Scouts held a planning session in which they identified other boys they knew through their quorum roster, school, sports, or other events. A list of names was made, and the recruiting effort began.

McClain and some Scouts, donning their Scout uniforms, began knocking on the doors where the other boys lived. They would meet with each boy and his parents, informing them of the exciting Scouting experiences they had planned. They assured the parents of the value and fun of Scouting for their son, along with the developmental experiences that model and exemplify the values of Scouting.

Parents typically asked about the cost of the program, and McClain explained that the registration cost is covered by the sponsoring organization (in this case the LDS ward) and an annual fund-raising event defrays the troop’s additional costs. Often parents expressed surprise that boys not of the LDS faith were invited to participate. They were assured that Scouting is for the community and open to all boys who believe in God and are willing to live by the Scout Law and Oath.

Scoutmaster and the character they observed in the Boy Scouts themselves. At the end of the visit, McClain and his Scouts brought out the BSA registration form and helped the parents complete it.

By this simple method, the troop grew and all agreed that the additional boys made a positive difference in their Scouting experience. Most important, it enriched the lives of the new Scouts in the troop. Click here to watch a video of this story.

As President Monson counseled, the principles taught in Scouting are more relevant today than at any time before. “May you uphold your promise as a Boy Scout to do your duty to God and your country and serve others at all times.”

Scouters in Phoenix have also been proactive in bringing boys into Scouting. In 2013, this troop had grown to about 20 boys, six being Church members. The troop grew because local ward members recruited in neighboring schools and gave full-time missionaries Boy Scout applications to give to investigators or others who may have an interest in Scouting. “We wanted to outreach into our community,” one leader said, “because [nationwide] only 8 percent of all boys ages 8 to 18 participate in any Scouting organization.”

As these good citizens in Idaho and Arizona have shown, local Scouting units are not without options when it comes to increasing the number of boys in their Scouting units.

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Message from Primary General Presidency

Why Should I Take Youth Protection Training?

by Reyna Aburto
Primary General Board Member

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints supports the Boy Scouts of America in their efforts to provide the safest possible environment for boys who participate in Scouting programs. Youth Protection training offers information on how to accomplish that. It is a simple 30-minute interactive presentation that explains the policies adopted by the BSA for the safety and well-being of its members, both youth and adults.

You will be surprised at all the useful and insightful information that it provides, which, in fact, could apply to anybody in any setting, not only in Scouting-related activities. It explains policies such as two-deep leadership, no one-on-one contact, separate accommodations for adults and Scouts, respect of privacy, inappropriate use of cameras and digital devices, no secret organizations, no hazing, no bullying, appropriate attire, and what to do if you become aware of any inappropriate behavior.

It is very easy to take this training. Just set aside 30 minutes of your time, turn on your computer, open your favorite browser, and do the following:

On the right side of the Scouting in Primary pages (www.lds.org/callings/primary/leader-resources/scouting-in-primary), click on the “Youth Protection Training (BSA)” links. You will be taken directly to the BSA site, where you sign in with your MyScouting user credentials, or create an account if you do not have one yet.

Once you are on the BSA site, scroll down to the “Youth Protection Training Notice” and click the “Take Youth Protection Training” button. You will find yourself on the “E-Learning Course Management System” page. Scroll down until you see a list with all the training modules. By “Youth Protection Training,” click “Take Course” (or “Retake Course,” if you have taken it before), and enjoy!

After you complete the training, you will be able to print a certificate, which you can present to register or to renew your registration during rechartering.

The LDS Scouting Handbook, May 2014, section 2.0, indicates that Youth Protection training should be “completed before service with youth begins and repeated every two years.” Since the content of the training is updated by the BSA as new policies are put in place, we all need to be aware of them so we know how to face situations as they arise.

The Church website also has a page called “Safe Church Activities” (www.lds.org/callings/aaronic-priesthood/leader-resources/scouting/safety), with a wealth of information that can be used when planning and carrying out activities with the boys, including an inspiring message by Elder Quentin L. Cook.

The more we know, the better prepared we will be and the more safe and protected our boys and leaders will be; we will also be able to reduce or eliminate problems. Please set aside time to take Youth Protection training, whether you have not yet taken it or if your current certification is about to expire, and enjoy your calling with the boys with peace of mind. And, remember: “Youth Protection Begins With You!”

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Thoughts on Scouting Safely
“Am I Insured for That?”

Am I insured for that? Unfortunately this is a question often asked only after there has been an accident or injury. We live in litigious society. As a Scout leader, you may want to ask yourself before an accident occurs: “Am I insured for that?” Any time a leader is involved in an activity with others; there is a possibility of personal injury or property damage. To provide yourself the best protection possible, you need to pre-plan, organize and carry out safe activities. In order to understand whether you are “insured for that” there are generally three potential sources of compensation to leaders involving claims arising out of a Scouting activity, (1) BSA insurance, (2) personal insurance and (3) Church funds. Let us examine the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) website to see what protection is offered (see http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Insurance.aspx):

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

The Boy Scouts of America provides primary general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity. This coverage responds to allegations of negligent actions by third parties that result in personal injury or property damage claim that is made and provides protection for Scouting units, volunteer Scouts and chartering organizations.

Registered volunteers are provided primary coverage through the BSA general liability program, but not for vehicle or maritime (watercraft) liability, which is only on an excess basis; the owner's vehicle or maritime (watercraft) liability is primary. This insurance is available only while the vehicle or watercraft is in the actual use of a Scouting unit and being used for a Scouting purpose.

The insurance provided to unregistered Scouting volunteers through the general liability insurance program is excess over any other insurance the volunteer might have to his or her benefit, usually a homeowners, personal liability, or auto liability policy.

An “Official Scouting Activity” means “an activity that is consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.” However, the general liability policy does not provide indemnification or defense coverage to those individuals who commit intentional and/or criminal acts.

“Primary coverage” means BSA pays first without regard to any other insurance whereas “excess coverage” means after all other insurance has been utilized.

The term “Official Scouting Activity” is central because the BSA takes the position Scout leaders must reasonably follow the Guide to Safe Scouting (see http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf). By following these guidelines you have the best opportunity to prevent injury or loss to you and the Scouts in your care. The BSA has determined that failure by a leader to abide by the Guide to Safe Scouting sub-section on “Unauthorized and Restricted Activities” will result in the denial of liability insurance coverage from the BSA for all leaders connected with the activity, the chartering (sponsoring) unit, the Church as the sponsoring organization, and the local BSA Council. Please do not jeopardize coverage for yourself, others, and the Church by engaging in unauthorized and restricted activities.

In regards to liability protection for Church activities…some leaders are under the mistaken belief that when you are engaged in your calling, the Church will automatically provide some form of insurance. Such is not the case. For most incidents the Church does not have insurance and uses its own resources to pay a claim. For liability guidance from the Church, see Handbook 2, Insurance – Personal Liability Insurance (13.6.9) which states: “Where possible, those who oversee activities should protect themselves by carrying reasonable amounts of liability insurance? Such insurance may be available through homeowners insurance or other policies.”

When a Church or activity leader is responsible for, or participating in a Church-sponsored activity, the guidelines found in the Handbook are in effect. Since the Church is self-pay, the Church typically reviews each claim carefully and individually before making a decision about committing tithing funds towards a specific claim. As members, we have the responsibility to follow the counsel given to us in the recent First Presidency letter emphasizing safety and loss prevention – “Safety in Church Activities” which can be found at http://safety.lds.org.

So when I am serving as a BSA leader, how do I make sure “I am insured for that?”

1) Make certain you are properly registered and trained.
2) Use the tour plan process and ensure that you have appropriately planned, prepared, and can carry out a safe activity. Tour plans also ensure that the appropriate parties are notified of your activity.
3) Always follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.
4) Carry reasonable amounts of auto, watercraft, and homeowner’s liability insurance.

One final point, if you are ever involved in an incident where someone is injured or property is damaged, report the incident immediately to your local BSA Council, your Bishop, and your insurance agent. Contact LDS Church Risk Management if you have questions regarding incidents or claims.

If you have further questions regarding BSA insurance, visit the Scouting Safety website or contact them at http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GotQuestions.aspx; you can also contact the Church’s Risk Management Division for information regarding Church guidelines at 866-LDS-RISK.
Cub Scout Advancement made simpler!

At least eleven Cub Scout leaders from the Utah National Parks Council spent a week at the Philmont Training Center this past summer to learn about the new Cub Scout Adventure program. I, and some of them, if I can talk them into it, will be sharing some of what we learned there that week. Lots of info on the Cub Scout Adventure program can be found at http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx.

Here is a picture of the nine of us that were all there together for week 10.

I would like to start this series of articles with my very favorite part of the new program – simplified advancement. After spending 20+ hours in classes dedicated to learning about the new Cub Scout Adventure program I honestly have to say that the thing I am most excited about is the new advancement model. It will be simpler to understand and simpler to administer.

Let’s face it, Cub Scout advancement as it is right now can be confusing sometimes. Tiger Cubs advance using one method and Wolves another method. Bears modify and complicate the method yet again and Webelos take a whole different approach. If you have been a Cub Scout leader for a while you probably have it all figured out but, let’s pretend you are a brand new den leader or a brand new parent who has never done cub scouts before… It takes some reading, training and explaining.

Let’s compare for a minute the difference between the Wolf and Bear ranks. Wolves currently have 12 achievements that need to be completed to earn their rank. Then they have multiple electives that they can complete to work towards their arrow points. The first 10 earn a gold arrow point and each 10 thereafter earn them a silver. Not too hard to understand I guess but… then they move up and start to work on their Bear rank and now it’s different. Yes, they still have to complete 12 achievements but it’s 12 out of 24 total. 1 for God, 3 for Country, 4 for Family and 4 for self. Then just like in the wolf book there are electives and 10 gives you a gold arrow point and each 10 thereafter gives you a silver. But… parts of the achievements not counted towards the rank advancement can also count towards the arrow points. True it’s not that complicated once you understand it but for most parents, just about the time they finally “get it”, IF they ever do, their boy moves up to the Webelos rank with a whole new system of activity badges, which are actually pins, a compass emblem with compass points etc…

My favorite part of the new Cub Scout Adventure program is the fact that each rank, Tiger through Arrow of Light uses the exact same advancement model/method. Once a parent, leader, or boy has figured out what it takes to earn that first rank (excluding bobcat – it’s still just about the same as it is currently) they know what it takes to earn the next rank and the next and the next.

New Advancement Model

Rank Advancement is the same for ALL ranks (Simpler)
1. Complete 7 adventures (1 is a Faith based “family” adventure)
2. “Parent Guide & Cyber Chip Award” required

Yeah! Rank Achieved!

Each rank has the same two requirements. 1) Complete 7 adventures. 2) Complete the Parent Guide and Cyber Chip award. That’s it! Really it will be that simple! The number of required vs elective adventures will be different and the cyber chip award changes depending on the age of the boy but once you know it’s 7 adventures for the first rank, it’s still 7 total adventures for the next rank and the next.

How does rank structure differ?

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Wait! What does that last column say about Immediate Recognition? Well, that’s the other part that I really, really like. When a boy completes an adventure he has earned the immediate recognition for that adventure. No longer do den leaders have to keep track of how many achievements a boy has completed to earn a red or yellow bead that shows he is part way there. And the Webelos won’t be they only ones getting awards on a regular basis. It will be the same for all the boys. After a boy completes an adventure, he is awarded an adventure Loop or Adventure Pin. IF a boy completes additional elective adventures (beyond the rank) he earns another loop or pin. No more beads, no more arrow points, no more emblems. In my next article, I’ll show you the new adventure loops and pins and explain a little more about them. Adventure Loop and Pins – Simple!

Q – Is the “Protecting your Child from Abuse” and Cyber Chip really required for every rank now?

A – YES! The BSA is very serious about protecting our youth and keeping them safe and this new requirement to do it for every rank shows just how serious they are.

The Cyber chip award has different requirements depending on their age so it’s not the exact same thing every time. In today’s tech heavy world this is important for the boys!

Article By Annaleis Smith, Council Cub Scout Committee Chair. Story used courtesy of http://blog.utahscouts.org/cub-scouting/cub-scout-advancement-made-simpler/
Scouting in the Church

David L. Beck, Young Men general president, said Scouting in the Church “is a bridge that has fueled real growth as thousands of individuals and families have joined the Church or become active again.” (“A Century of Scouting in the Church,” Ensign, October 2013). I wish to add my personal testimony to his statement.

I witnessed the power of a well-run LDS Scouting unit to attract boys who otherwise may not have been interested in the Church or participation in any of its programs.

When I was called as the Scoutmaster of an inner-city ward in Las Vegas, Nevada, I determined to run the Scouting program as it is designed by the Boy Scouts of America. The few active boys in the troop had wonderful experiences in character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. They learned to live by the Scout Oath and Law. They were formed into a boy-led patrol, wore their Boy Scout uniforms proudly, attended monthly outdoor activities, and advanced in Scout rank.

Because Scouting was a quality experience, the boys reached out to the less-active and inactive boys in the ward to get them to participate. They also invited their non-member friends to join in Scouting activities. Slowly the troop began to grow. One patrol turned into three. Six members of the troop turned into 24. Twelve of the 24 were not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Many of these Scouts came from single-parent, minority families who never would have been exposed to the values of Scouting had there not been a quality LDS Boy Scout unit in their neighborhood.

LDS Scouting units ought to be an attractive beacon of light for every boy within the boundaries of a stake, ward, district, or branch. I believe the values of the Aaronic Priesthood and the Boy Scouts of America are divinely linked to develop strong young men of character, capable of filling leadership positions in the Church and in society. I encourage LDS Scouting leaders to reach out to all Scouting-age boys within their stewardship area. Lives will be touched and hearts softened when you do.

Through Scouting you can create conditions and provide experiences that bring young men to Christ. “How great will be your joy” when you do. (D&C 18:16).

Using the Varsity Section of the New LDS Youth Activities Website

Are you a Varsity coach or Team leader? Did you know there is a section of the new LDS Youth Activities website just for you?

You can find the new Varsity Scout activity website at https://www.lds.org/youth/activities/category/scouting/varsity-scouts?lang=eng. You will find many exciting activity suggestions that advisers and youth leaders can choose from, to build an exciting program centered on Varsity Scout principles and organization.

The Varsity Scout program is based on leadership development. The Varsity Scout section of this website is formatted to assist youth leaders as they plan, develop, and calendar upcoming events.

Each series of activities is centered on a theme. There are fifteen themes currently on the website. The team leader’s council can choose a theme and determine how many weeks they would like to devote in preparation for a big event. Then, using the activity suggestions listed under the fields of emphasis for each theme, assignments can be made to various team members to lead and conduct an activity relating to the chosen theme. Each theme culminates in an adventure that focuses on skills and experiences gained from participation in the smaller preparation activities.

In addition to the suggestions listed under the fields of emphasis, there are many resources and suggestions available on the Internet to help young men develop fun and meaningful activities centered around the activity themes.

Try one of these activities or develop one of your own and share your experiences. That is how we strengthen Varsity Scouting and develop character and leadership capability in young men.

Article submitted by Ed Howell, member of the LDS-BSA Varsity Task Force

Article submitted by Mac McIntire, LDS-BSA Office Volunteer
Venturing—A Great Fit for the Highland Utah East Stake

Highland Utah East Stake President Howard Bangerter testifies, “When young men have a vision of the miracles they will perform as missionaries, they readily accept the challenges of doing ‘hard things’ to prepare.” That vision was put to the test with the stake’s last two leadership encampments that showcased BSA’s older youth program as a combination of challenging adventure, leadership training, and spirituality.

The camps produced a multitude of Kodiak-trained youth and Wood Badge-trained adult leaders and established Venturing as a critical part of the stake’s youth development program. Stake Young Men President Brett Burns stated, "Youth-led leadership, annual calendaring, and a program balanced with high adventure, spiritual development, leadership, and service—all help our young men prepare to be effective missionaries."

In stake-led Venturing forums, leaders recommend three simple steps for crews: 1) surveys, annual activity calendaring, and leadership skills training during the August crew seminar; 2) youth-led, stake-sponsored “Summit Trail” events (ethics, lifesaving, and career skills events) to facilitate recognition pathway implementation; and 3) a culminating super-activity with challenging high adventure and Kodiak leadership training. “If the units do nothing more than plan and execute quality youth-led weekly activities and a multi-day high adventure in the summer we consider it a success. If they embrace the leadership training and promote the awards recognition, that is an added bonus,” adds Tyler Sheffield, stake high councilor over Young Men.

With 26 Silver Award recipients over the past few years, the stake will likely have a sizable increase in the number of youth who earn the newly released Venturing Summit Award. Advisor Len Brunsdale observes, “Venturing is a much better fit now. It is exciting to see our units embrace its four new experience areas.” The Summit trail highlights these four “pillars”: personal growth and service (which complement Duty to God and Aaronic Priesthood programs), and adventure and leadership (which form the backbone of vibrant youth-led programs). “Teaching Kodiak, testifying about God, and stretching self through high adventure has caused a surge in spiritual and physical readiness for full-time missionary work in our stake,” concluded Gordon Glade of the stake presidency.

Many of you are currently working on the annual rechartering process, Section 8.3 may help with your efforts.

“Recharting is the annual process by which each Scout unit renews its charter as an official part of BSA. As part of rechartering, each ward sends the BSA local council an updated roster of the Scout unit, including the names, birthdates, and contact information of the registered youth in the unit. The roster lists all young men ages 8 through 15. Young men ages 16 and 17 are listed only if they are pursuing rank advancements or if the ward sponsors a Venturing crews. The roster must be signed by a member of the bishopric.

All fees for recharting, unit liability insurance, and annual registration, including fees for those of other faiths who join Latter-day Saint units, are paid directly from Church headquarters to the BSA National Council. No additional fees should be paid to local councils for accident and health insurance coverage.”

For information on Church activity insurance programs, see Handbook 2, 13.6.9.”

Philmont 2015

Do you serve in a Stake presidency? Are you a stake young men president, high counselor over scouting or primary? Is your interest peaked? Check out this video [http://www.ldsbsa.org/video-philmont-2/] and get excited about joining us at that "little piece of heaven" known as Philmont for the 2015 LDS Priesthood Leadership Conference. Here’s the link to the information and PDF fillable application: [http://www.ldsbsa.org/application-packet/]
LDS-BSA Relationships Conference Held

Enjoying clear skies and warm weather in Salt Lake City, Scouting leaders from across the country gathered October 2-4, 2014, to attend the 184th Semiannual General Conference of the Church and to tour some Church facilities. The goal was to better understand the relationship of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America. Under the direction of LDS/BSA Relationships Director, Mark R. Francis and Administrative Assistant, Dawn Harvey, the group came together to understand how this partnership can be strengthened in local Councils. Professional representatives from the National Office and 10 Councils plus some of their volunteer counterparts were in attendance.

On the evening of October 2nd, in the Church Office Building, Larry M. Gibson, first counselor in the Young Men general presidency of the Church, led a training session to familiarize the leaders with the terminology and organization of the Church and BSA. Goals of each organization were discussed and what methods can be used to establish the best working relationship. He emphasized that the Church’s leaders love the youth and are anxious to develop well-rounded, strong, and resilient young men. The leaders were encouraged to develop and strengthen LDS Relationships Committee in each of their Councils.

He also emphasized that we want all young men to have the values of Scouting and faith in God. Scouts do not need to be Church members to join an LDS pack or troop.

On Friday morning, some of the participants toured the Missionary Training Center (MTC) on the campus of Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. This facility, along with 14 other smaller facilities in various parts the world, is home for the first few weeks for each of the Church’s 88,000 currently-serving full-time missionaries. Other participants toured the Church History Library’s new exhibit, “Foundations of Faith,” which includes foundational records from the Church’s early history including first edition copies of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price. Particularly enlightening and entertaining was the information from the museum conservators who said their purpose was not to make the old look new, but to “stabilize” the materials so they are “as good as old.” The museum rules are different than the rules of life—do not breathe, and don’t let your light shine!

The next stop was a visit to Welfare Square to get a glimpse of the Church’s vast welfare system. A tour was given of the Bishops’ Storehouse, where members with needs may fill a food order from their bishop; and of Deseret Industries, where used goods may be purchased at very reasonable prices and is open to all.

Next was the Humanitarian Center, which is the headquarters for assistance sent all over the world, providing immediate relief after disasters. Most of the staff there are refugees who are taught English and are trained to learn skills that will result in employment for them. An 1842 quote from the prophet Joseph Smith is prominent in the lobby—“to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to provide for the widow, to dry up the tear of the orphan, to comfort the afflicted, whether in this church, or in any other, or in no church at all.”

Lunch was then eaten in the cafeteria. Afterward, Mark Francis presented a training on program improvement—focusing on LDS-BSA Relationships committees, unit commissioners, and the Scouting bridge referred to by President Thomas S. Monson.

The guests visited the Family History Library, where they were given instructions on how to begin their own family history search, time was allowed for them to get started on that process. A tour of Temple Square followed with narrative by two sister missionaries serving there. That evening a meal was served at the Lion House with remarks by Brother Larry Gibson. He reflected on why and how the partnership of BSA and the Church works only with desire and understanding on both sides.
The first duty in Scouting is duty to God. Assistant chief Scout executive, Brad Farmer, echoed those comments stating, “This is the epitome of what a partnership should be.” Also in attendance were members of the Young Men general board and Shirley Gibson, wife of Brother Gibson. Guests were presented with personalized copies of LDS scriptures.

On Saturday morning, participants were treated to special seating in the Conference Center for the opening session of General Conference. This was followed by a lunch at the nearby Lion House with remarks by David L. Beck, Young Men general president and his wife Robyn. He addressed the topic of “reflections” and asked each in the room to reflect on impressions he or she had during the last two days. He bore a heartfelt testimony of the Church’s bond with BSA. He noted that in the early days of the Church there was much persecution and exclusion. The partnership established when BSA embraced the Church in 1913 will not be forgotten.

Saturday afternoon the Scouters were able to attend the second session of General Conference, return to the genealogy resources or visitor’s centers on Temple Square, or take personal time to reflect and ponder. At dinner that evening Brother Randall Ridd, second counselor in the Young Men general presidency, gave remarks and thanked them for coming to learn about the Church. He emphasized the strong bond of the two organizations and that it had been made stronger by their participation. Male participants then attended the Priesthood session of General Conference.

After Priesthood session, a cookies and ice cream social was held in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in conjunction with the LDS Philmont Reunion. The participants reported that the Conference Weekend was an extremely positive and enlightening experience.

Scouters represented the following areas:

- National Office (Irving, TX) Brad Farmer; Doug Brown
- Alameda Council (Alameda, CA) Charles and Bernadette Howard-Gibbon
- Aloha Council (Honolulu, HI) Jeff Sulzbach; George and Manao Kaluhiokalani
- Cascade Pacific Council (Portland, OR) Spencer Young, Rob and Allison Cornilles
- Garden State Council (Mantua, NJ) Robert Baradsley
- Grand Teton Council (Idaho Falls, ID) Corey and Michelle Miles
- Inland Empire Council (Redlands, CA) Joseph and Leah Daniszewski; Jesus Lopez; Michael and Amy Strong
- Maui County Council (Lahaina, HI) Unaloto and Fitu Taukeiaho
- Occoneechee Council (Raleigh, NC) Stacey Dickerson; Rodger and Anna Skirvin
- Utah National Parks Council (Orem, UT) Richard and Caroline Harris
- Yucca Council (El Paso, TX) Karl Murphy; Mario Perez

Assisting with hosting, driving and instruction were Wayne and Roma Bishop; Gary and Laura Dollar; Kimball and Betty Ann Wirig; Tom and Louann Hunsaker; Mac McIntire; Nettie Francis; and Great Salt Lake Council Executive Rick Barnes and Director of Field Services Michael Jenkins.

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