



TROOP NEWS



The Source Of Scouting News And Events

Scouting "joins" World Balloon Attempt

-World Scouting News

American Steve Fossett announced that he will make his fourth attempt to circumnavigate the earth in a balloon. If all goes well, he will depart in August from Argentina on a voyage that will take about 18 days. The side of his capsule will bear the universal World Scout emblem.

If he succeeds, he will not only be the first in the world to do so, he will also set the record for the longest solo flight by a pilot of any type of aircraft.

"Some say this is the greatest un-achieved goal of aviation," Fossett told the 2,000 leaders attending the National Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America in May in San Antonio, Texas. "Balloons were the first form of aviation, dating from 1783, yet it is the only form of aviation that has not made it around the world."

An editor of National Geographic once told him that he was like a Boy Scout, always working on another merit {achievement} badge. "That's fair enough," Fossett agreed, "if there is a common thread through all my activities it is personal achievement. It started with working my way up through the Scouting ranks to become an Eagle Scout." From there his life has been filled with many more personal and professional achievements. "As with my previous attempts, I have made the unusual decision not to accept sponsorship, unlike all of my competitors."

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Back to Class A

On September 1, 1998 the troop will go back to Class A uniforms for the winter. The class A uniform consist of the tan scout shirt, neckerchief, scout pants or shorts, scout socks if shorts are worn. For occasions like court of honor scouts should wear their OA sash and Merit Badge sash. Anyone that needs uniform items should visit the exchange closet.

We have a supply of new class B uniforms. See Dr. Powell if you need one. There is an assortment of sizes. These shirts are brand new so they are sold for the cost of the shirt not \$5.00. The cost of the shirts was not available at press time.

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The Troop Web page is :

<http://members.tripod.com/~troop189>

COUNCIL & TROOP

Summer Program Success

The scouts of Troop 189 have had a very enjoyable and successful program this summer. The scouts that attended Philmont all completed their treks and had a memorable experience. The scouts that attended Hidden Valley all had equal accomplishments with their advancement and completion of merit badges. Congratulations to the Philmont Scouts for earning the Arrowhead award. Also, Congratulations to the scouts that attended Hidden Valley for earning Honor Troop. A special thanks to all of the adult leadership and youth leadership that made the summer program possible. Let's keep up the good work and make this winter's program just as successful.

Four Scouts to Attend JLTC

The Troop will be well represented at this year's Junior Leader Training Conference at Hidden Valley Scout Camp. Shane Newhouser, Shawn LeBlanc, Mike Spraitzer, and Josh Shaffer will be representing the troop. During the seven days of the camp the scouts will be tried and tested on their leadership abilities. They will learn skills which will help them become better leaders. In order to be senior patrol leader of the troop a scout must have completed JLT, and all of these scouts will soon be eligible. Good luck and have fun guys.

Troop Updates Merit Badge Counselor List

The troop is updating the merit badge counselor list. Enclosed with your News Letter you should find the Official Scouting form for registering as a counselor. If you are interested please take a minute and complete the form and return it to Greg Brickner in the enclosed envelope. It is important that you do this if you plan on being a merit badge counselor. You may register as a counselor for just Troop 189 if you wish but all of scouting wins if you will do it for the district or council. The troop will no longer except merit badges that were not completed with registered merit badge counselors. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible.

Day Hike in Aug.

On August 22, 1998 the troop will be doing a day hike on the Appalachian trail. Details will be provided as the become available. Plan on attending.

1998 Program Planning Conference

The 1998 program planning conference will be held on August 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. In the scout room. All newly elected patrol leaders and any interested scouts should attend. At this meeting the program calendar for 1998-1999 Scouting Season will be planned and scheduled. It is very important that there is enough input to make this work, so there will be a successful program offered. Please plan to attend.

Fall Elections

Fall elections for troop offices will be held on August 25, 1998. Primary elections will be held on August 18, 1998. All scouts are eligible to vote and can hold all offices except Senior Patrol Leader so if you are interested in an office be sure to be there.

Updates To Scout Info

The troop is updating the information we have on all of the scouts. The main item is scout and parent e-mail address if applicable. By providing a e-mail address it will be easier and more cost effective for the troop to keep in touch. Please take the time and complete the information page inclosed with your newsletter and return it to Greg Brickner in the enclosed envelope. A troop phone list should be available for the next newsletter in November. Thank you.

Parent Support Needed!

Scouting has the potential to offer scouts a program that cannot be even attempted to be equaled by any other organization or program. Troop 189 is striving to offer the highest quality of program possible. The only way this can be done is with strong parent support. Your son is benefiting from the dedication and hard work of the volunteering adult leadership, so why not join them? It is not hard, and a lot of fun. Training is offered if you are interested. There are a variety of jobs that Dr. Powell will be trying to fill as Scoutmaster, and Dr. Cuthbertson as Committee Chair. Even if you can't make every meeting there is still something you can do. All the excuses about "My job does not allow me to." or "I just don't have time" don't cut it. Every adult member of the Troop has a job, a family, and a life outside of scouts. But if they did not do it this program would not be here for your son to enjoy. Dr. Powell, Dr. Cuthbertson, Mr. Salsman, Mr. Newhouser, and Mr. Brickner all sacrificed their personal vacation time to take scouts to summer camp. They all had a lot of fun, and the troop is thankful that they did it. Were not asking that you give up ten vacation days to take scouts to Philmont like some leaders did. Just a couple of hours that you will get to enjoy with your son. Please, if you are interested let Dr. Powell (243-7335) or Dr. Cuthbertson (258-1034) know. We can find a job that fits your schedule.

Troop Webpage Improved!

There are many changes being made to the Troop webpage. Many new features are being added to provide more support for the Troop Program and provide more resources for scouts and parents. If you have a question about what the troop is doing, chances are you can find the answer on the web page. This is why we have it, so please take advantage of it. If you would like to help with the page or have any suggestions please contact Greg Brickner (243-7079, brickner@pa.net). You can view the Web page from either <http://user.pa.net/~brickner/Scouts/Troop189.html> or <http://members.tripod.com/~troop189> New features should be up and running this fall.

C&O Backpacking Trip

The Varsity Team is planning the C&O Canal Backpacking trip for the troop. The trip will be September 18-20, 1998. The C&O Canal is known for its extreme flatness, so it is a good hike for the younger scout who are new or inexperience backpackers. Although details have not been finalized the hike will be around twenty miles long. Details will be announced when they are available. Plan to attend, you don't want to miss the fun.

New OA Members

Congratulations to the New Order of the Arrow members, and those who will be completing their ordeal this month. Several scouts were elected to the OA by the troop this spring.

Name this Newsletter!

Lots of troops have newsletters. Troop 189 currently has Troop News. Troop 189, is not just any troop, so why should we have just any newsletter. So, in effort to make the best newsletter a newsletter staff will be formed out of scouts and adults. If you are interested in being on this team let Greg know. To kick off this rebirth of this newsletter, a new name, logo, slogan or any other ideas would be in order. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be awarded to the scout that submits the best name, and slogan. It should include scouting themes. Make submissions to Greg Brickner (243-7079, brickner@pa.net).

Fall Court of Honor

Fall court of honor will be held on September 22, 1998 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall, Allison United Methodist Church. Scout will receive their badges that they earned over the summer. Please be sure to attend. A parent meeting will follow the Court of Honor.

We will miss you Roby's

Andrew and Joshua Roby will be moving to St Louis Missouri this month and leaving the troop. Both of the Scouts have been with the troop since they started scouts and have contributed greatly to the troop. Josh just earned his Eagle Scout Award in June and attended Philmont. Andrew has been working on his advancement and surely will make a fine Eagle scout. We wish both scouts the best of luck and good fortune to all of their future endeavors.

Fall Car Show

Fall car show is right around the corner and we will be looking for people to work. Car show is Oct. 1-4, 1998. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. This is the main fundraiser for the Troop, and it also funds your scout account. Sign up sheets will be available for Court of Honor in Sept.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

This has been a very eventful summer. Congratulations to all of the Scouts and Leaders who completed the Philmont trek. My hat is off to you. In addition I would like to congratulate the eighteen Scouts who recently attended summer camp at Hidden Valley this past week. Forty two merit badges, nine Totin' Chips, two "Mile Swimmer", and two rank advancements is a very good week! I would like to thank the adults who supported us by spending a night during the week, everyone did a great job. In particular I would like to acknowledge the outstanding performance of Michael Spraitzer who acted as Senior Patrol Leader during our stay at Hidden Valley. Not only did he do a great job for us, he was elected Camp Senior Patrol Leader by the Senior Patrol Leader's Council and served as EmCee during the final Campfire.

I am very excited about the upcoming year. As you may know the Scouts will soon be developing next year's (starting in September '98) calendar of events. It sounds like it will be a very full and challenging program. I would like to reiterate the need for parental support. Prior Scouting experience is not necessary. There are many ways to have an impact on the success of the Troop besides knowing scouting skills. The bottom line is we need your help! Whether it's transportation to and from an outing, Committee Member, Merit Badge Counselor, or Assistant Scout Master, your input is needed. Strong parental support is one of the major keys to a strong Troop.

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"If I am successful and fly this balloon across the south Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Australia, the southern Pacific, and to a landing in the Pampas of Argentina, you will not see an advertising banner but rather the symbols of what I want to stand for. You will find the American Flag, the Explorers Club Flag, and the emblem of World Scouting."

The capsule for his last attempt carried a smaller version of the World Scout Emblem. The capsule was on display for a few months in the Aeronautical and Space museum in Washington DC, along side other aviation pioneers.

"I want a better Scouting emblem for this flight," he told Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of World Scouting, "because I'm planning on winning and the capsule will be on display for a very long time." His flight in 1997 started in St. Louis and ended in southern Russia, achieving the second longest balloon flight in aviation history, exceeded only by his own journey earlier in the same year from St. Louis to India, a distance of 10,361 miles (16,674 kilometers).

The round the world flight requires winter winds for speed and lack of thunderstorms. The southern hemisphere winter is June through August and offers more consistent jet streams and no problems getting permission to fly over only 4 or 5 countries. This was a major problem in his past flights in the northern hemisphere. Unfortunately, most of the flight is over water, outside of shipping routes, and the stormy winter seas present a real danger if an ocean rescue is needed.

"That's adventure: facing the unknowns and the hardships to do something that has never been done," he says, "most of us want some adventure in our lives. For me it started in that Boy Scout Troop in Garden Grove, California...how fortunate I was to be in a troop with a strong camping program and to get started on my adventures at that early age." Good luck Steve! Check the latest news on: www.solo.wustl.edu/

WORLD & NATIONAL

2007 Launched at Royal Celebration of Scouting

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A "Celebration of Scouting" described the gala evening in May organized in London by the World Scout Foundation and The Scout Association of the United Kingdom. It was attended by 300 people, including many Baden Powell Fellows, from 25 countries.

The event launched the campaign to celebrate Scouting's 100th birthday in 2007. The setting was in the grand hall of the Natural History Museum. The reception was attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Patron of The Scout Association, accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The event was hosted jointly by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation, and HRH The Duke of Kent, President of the Scout Association of the UK. Distinguished guests included HM King Constantine and HM Queen Anne-Marie.

Talented Scouts from throughout the UK entertained the guests with music and dancing, demonstrating an often understated creative aspect of Scouting.

In the two days following the gala event, many guests joined special tours to Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting in 1907, and to Gilwell Park, the historic training centre of The Scout Association.

We need a theme and a logo!

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The Task Force is making a worldwide appeal for ideas concerning a 2007 theme and emblem/logo. Any member of a Scout organization is invited to submit ideas to the World Scout Bureau by 1st September 1998. National Scout organizations are encouraged to promote this search and to forward ideas to the Bureau, but they are not asked to "select the best" from their country. This is not a contest, although there will

be recognition for the individuals whose proposal is finally chosen. Suggestions will also be invited on the Internet. Information about 2007 will soon appear on the World Scouting pages: www.scout.org. Feedback can be sent to 2007@world.scout.org. The aim is to have an emblem which can be used worldwide. The theme and the logo/emblem should be simple and convey: 1) youth, 2) education, and 3) future. (This is no so much the end of an "old" century as the dawning - the sunrise - of the second 100 years of Scouting) The logo/emblem must incorporate the

Scouting to Celebrate 100 Years in 2007

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The first day of August, 2007, will be celebrated as the official 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

For many years 1st August has been celebrated as the date of Scouting's founding, even though later dates marked the steps of its formal or legal creation in the United Kingdom, and internationally.

On 1st August 1907, Robert Baden-Powell opened his experimental camp for 20 boys on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset, on the Southeast coast of England. The camp lasted nine days and proved to Baden-Powell that his methods for educating young people were appealing, and effective.

In January 1908 he published the first chapter of "Scouting for Boys", a book issued in fortnightly parts at four pence each. It was an immediate success.

He had only intended to provide a method of training boys which could be adopted by existing youth organizations. To his surprise, youngsters started to organize themselves into what was destined to become the world's largest voluntary youth movement.

World Scout Emblem, and "2007" and/or "100". It should be usable in a wide variety of applications, languages, national emblems, etc.

JOTA and JOTI

The 41st World Scout JOTA (Jamboree on the Air), and the Jamboree on the Internet will take place 17-18 of October. Look at the World Scouting internet pages for the latest information: www.scout.org Email: JOTA@world.scout.org and JOTI@world.scout.org