

# On My Honor

An Update on Scouting in the Patriots' Path Council, BSA



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## Patriots' Path Council Spirit of Scouting Candle Lighting Ceremony



**A Council-wide Candle Lighting ceremony will commemorate the BSA Centennial**

February 8, 2010 marks BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For the last three years, there have been events and activities leading up to the actual date, which is now only a few months away. And on that date, America will collectively celebrate this milestone.

To demonstrate the incredible impact a century of living the Scout Oath and Law has had on our communities, there will be a unified candle lighting and "words to live by" rededication ceremony by Scouts, volunteers, alumni, families, and friends across the nation to honor Scouting's historic past and look forward to its brilliant future.

Patriots' Path Council will participate in this memorable event with candle lighting by Scouts in the entire Council area. Keepsake candles carrying the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo, supplies and other support will be provided at NO cost\* to units that sign up. Ceremonies will take place at troop meeting places, town halls, parks, in neighborhoods, and at the Council office. Registered units will be contacted by a Community Captain with details about the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Let's get the word out, so no one misses this once-in-a-lifetime event to rekindle your Scouting spirit.

Visit the Council website <http://join.ppbsa.org/anniversary/> to register.

For more information, contact Jim Kelly [tr72jwk@msn.com](mailto:tr72jwk@msn.com).

\* Your financial support would be graciously accepted.

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A National Quality Council  
5 Consecutive Years

### Our Vision

Our hard work on behalf of young people is **recognized** as outstanding.

We are **known** for our values which are defined by the Scout Oath and Law.

Community organizations join in partnership with Scouting because we are **known** as major Contributors to the development of future citizens of good character.

Our youth members have become the leaders in their community and now join with the Scouting Alumni who continue to make a difference.

**But most of all, kids, and their families, come to us for a great time, and for adventures that will be remembered for a lifetime.**

*Serving over 20,000 youth in Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Middlesex County, New Jersey.*

## What's New at Our Camps

Improvements worth over \$150,000 have been going on all year long to make our camps the best they can be. The Council welcomes everyone to come and be impressed by the upgrades and summer programs that are available to our Scouts at the Winnebago, Allamuchy, and Sabattis camps.

Other camp renovations are done on "Beaver Day", a day long program when units and individual volunteers work on improvement projects at the Winnebago Scout Reservation and the Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation. In past years, 500+ dedicated Patriots' Path Council volunteers have attended Beaver Day – leaving the camps in finer condition than when they arrived.

This year's Beaver Day at Winnebago and Mt. Allamuchy, was held on April 18, 2009 with volunteers working hard on construction projects such as a new board walk and a tree house. Improvements at the Sabattis Beaver Day include staff dining hall /commissary renovations and improved communications via satellite with internet capabilities. The Council sends a hearty thanks to all Beaver Day volunteers for their support!



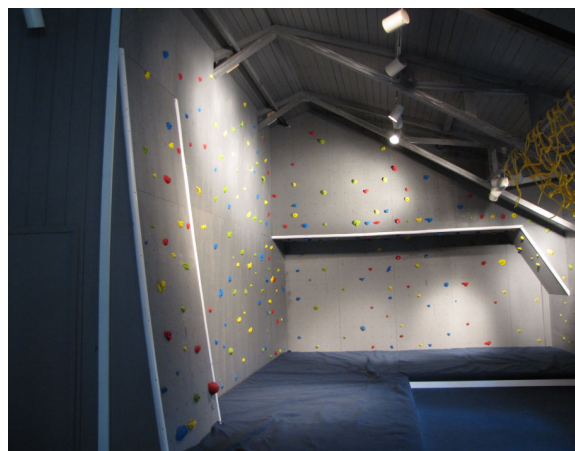
**A new 200 foot board walk from the Searing site to the dam making the area more accessible for nature hikes at Winnebago.**

## Robert W. Kent Family Center Dedication

On Monday, 8/3/09 at 11:00 am, the building that for over 40 years functioned as Mt. Allamuchy's Wheeler Cub Scout Day Camp Dining Hall, will be re-dedicated as the Robert W. Kent Family Center for Program Adventure. Thanks to the generous capital gift from Mr. Robert W. Kent, a long-time supporter, the Dining Hall was transformed into a multi-use facility that promotes personal fitness in addition to other Scouting activities.

In recent years, there has been significant growth of the Council's weekday, weekend, and the Camp Wheeler Day Camp that determined the need for a structure that would accommodate a variety of programs year-round. The renovations began last year and include a new roof, floor and a 25 x 40 ft addition that serves as an indoor rock climbing wall.

Patriots' Path Council invites everyone to attend the re-dedication ceremony and see the new center.



**The climbing center at the Robert Kent Family Center at Mt. Allamuchy**



## James E. West Endowment Fund

*"The Past is our heritage, The present our opportunity, The future our hope."*

Endowment funds are one of the best ways to ensure that Patriots' Path Council can continue to offer the outstanding programs it now has and also grow to meet the needs of the youth and communities it serves.

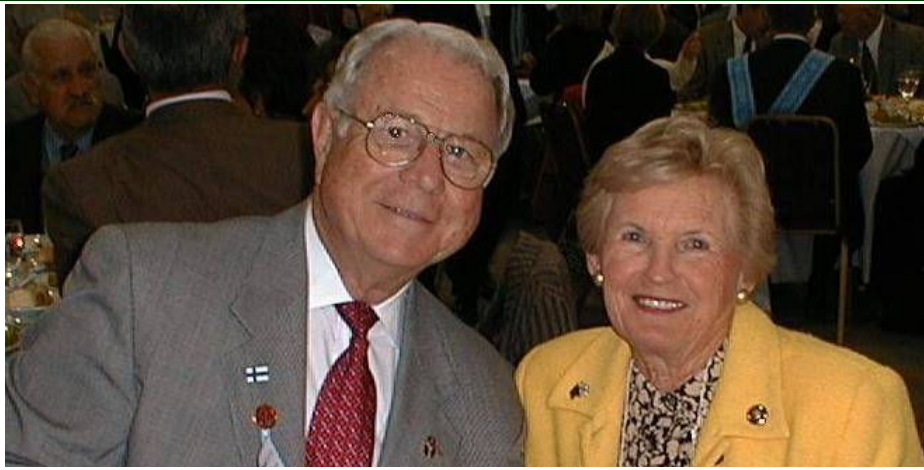
In appreciation for such support the BSA and Patriots' Path Council offer several distinct national and local endowment recognition programs to donors:

**BSA National -The James E. West Fellowship Program** - James E. West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. The West Fellowship Award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to a council endowment fund. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either to honor an Eagle Scout, a Scouter retirement, special accomplishment or anniversary, or in memory of another.

**Patriots' Path Council Endowment:** The Council has established a recognition program for gifts of cash and securities to the Council Endowment Fund. All cumulative cash contributions to the endowment fund will be credited toward the recognition level. The awards are named to honor the special individuals in Scouting listed below. This is just one way that we can thank our donors for their continued support of our endowment efforts.

- **Green Bar Bill Fellow**—BSA Scout Handbook Author - \$5,000 Gift
- **Mortimer L. Schiff Fellow**—Past BSA President— \$10,000 Gift
- **Norman Rockwell Fellow**— BSA Illustrator - \$15,000 Gift
- **Arthur Eldred Fellow**— \$20,000 Gift - BSA's 1st Eagle Scout

## Focus on Scouting Veterans: Marshall Bryant Sr.



**Marshall Bryant Sr. and his wife, Nina**

Scouting veterans, not to be confused with military veterans, are those individuals who have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to Scouting through their deeds and work with our youth and Council. After many years of service, some of our scouting veterans have retired from active Scouting work, but we still stay connected with these veterans, who will be a part of our scouting family forever!

One such individual is Marshall Bryant, a camper, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member, Eagle Scout, Assistant Scout Master (ASM), Scout Master (SM), Council President, and NESA Board member to name a few items on his Scouting resume.

Marshall Bryant became a Boy Scout during the 1940s through the invitation of a schoolmate. He joined Troop 2, which was part of the “Old Hickory” Council in Winston-Salem, NC. The troop met at the Marvin Methodist Church on Friday evenings. Bryant recalls his Scout Master, a WWI Navy vet, who had very little BSA leader training, but was committed nonetheless to giving his best. “He had a son in the program and helped provide the opportunity for each boy to enjoy Scouting and for me to become Troop 2’s first Eagle Scout.” For that, Bryant says “I will always be grateful to my SM.”

Marshall attended North Carolina State University, where he studied Industrial Engineering. Upon returning from school, he quickly rejoined Troop 2 as ASM to his former ASM, Mr. Harold Garner, who was “Texas Pete” of the popular hot sauce fame. Bryant actually worked a short while for his ASM, unloading ground dried peppers for the hot sauce and recalled how the powder from those peppers would sting his eyes. As ASM, Bryant began emphasizing advancement and it was not too long before Troop 2 had its second Eagle Scout, with many others following later.

After completing military service, he worked several years for Western Electric and was eventually transferred in 1962 to AT&T Bell Labs in New Jersey to develop workplace safety plans for the facility. In 1968, he and his oldest son joined Troop 51, sponsored by the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church. At that point, the troop was 47 years old. One of his first ideas as SM, was to start planning for the troop’s 50th anniversary celebration. It was held at the Schiff Reservation. An anniversary dinner was planned; they made booklets on the troop’s history, and invited former scouts and leaders. The guest speaker was Alden Barber, BSA Chief Scout Executive. “It was great evening and a wonderful program and was just the “kick” the troop needed.”

Another idea developed by Bryant as Troop 51’s SM, was a process that was to become his hallmark. When boys entered his troop wanting to pursue Eagle rank, he would first meet with the Scout’s parents. He then assigned the new scout to a junior leader (Star, Life, or Eagle rank) to work on all Tenderfoot requirements. The Scout would demonstrate rank requirements in uniform at his home before his parents so they could see what their son was learning and achieving and could ask him (Bryant) any questions or raise any concerns. Bryant let them know that no question was out-of bounds and that-he had nothing to hide. He let them know how much he appreciated that the parents entrusted their sons to him at meetings, parades, and on camping trips. He believes this process solidified trust with the Scout and his parents.

After serving many years as SM, Bryant took on additional leadership roles; he served as the Watchung Council President (1977 – 1980). He also served on the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Board NESA Board. He was recognized for his service and commitment to Scouting with the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards. He also received the NESA Distinguished Service Award.

One major highlight from his NESA work, was in 1982, when he had the opportunity to present the 1 millionth Eagle Scout (Alexander Holsinger) with a lifetime NESA membership. It was a memorable event and he looked forward with great anticipation for the announcement of the two millionth Eagle Scout, which was recently presented to Anthony Thomas (Northern Star Council, Minnesota) in early June 2009.

Marshall Bryant is now retired and living in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. He and Nina, his wife of 57 years, have three grown children, Linda, Mark, and Marshall Jr, an Eagle Scout. Because of all of his experiences, Marshall Bryant has hundreds of scouting memories, such as national jamborees and Philmont treks, and it is easy to notice that they are all treasured by him. “I am an extremely blessed person.” “Scouting has been a dominant force in my life, giving me established guidelines to live by, goals to strive for and attain, opportunities to lead and share, rewards and recognition beyond my fondest dreams, a love for our great country I might not have known any other way, and finally enough wonderful memories to last a lifetime.”

## Upcoming Events

**August 3, 2009**

**Dedication of Robert W. Kent Family Center**

11:00 am  
Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation-Wheeler Cub Scout Day Camp  
Byram Township, NJ

**September 12—14 & October 10—12, 2009**

**Woodbadge NE VII-17 Training**  
Winnebago Scout Reservation—Rockaway, NJ  
Camp Lewis—Rockaway, NJ

**September 15, 2009**

**16th Annual Golf Classic**

11:00 am Registration  
Morris County Golf Club  
Convent Station, NJ.

**October 2 - 4, 2009**

**PPC Centennial Jamboree**  
Sussex County Fairgrounds  
Augusta, NJ.

**October 16 - 18, 2009**

**Order of Arrow Ordeal**  
Mt. Allamuchy Scout Camp  
Byram Township, NJ

**October 24, 2009**

**University of Scouting**  
Randolph Middle School  
Randolph, NJ.



For more information on these events, contact the Council office  
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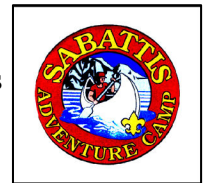
## Alumni News

Congratulations to  
**Edward R. Ball Jr.**  
Recipient of a 2009 Ida  
and William Kiefer-  
Memorial Scholarship.



This is his second year  
receiving this award.  
Edward is currently attending the University  
of New Haven, studying Fire Science and  
Arson Investigation. *For more information  
about Scouting scholarships, visit the  
Council website at [www.ppbsa.org](http://www.ppbsa.org).*

Congratulations to **Sabattis  
Adventure Camp**, located  
in the beautiful Adirondacks  
of NY, celebrating its 50th  
Anniversary.



Congratulations to **Troop  
125—South Plainfield**  
celebrating its 75th Anniver-  
sary.



Best of Luck to **Sheldon Jones**, former  
Council President, in his  
new assignment as  
Global Head of  
Communications at  
Novartis. He is relocat-  
ing to Basel, Switzerland  
in September.



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*Celebrating the Adventure—  
Continuing the Journey!*

