

On My Honor

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



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Websites That Can Make a Difference for Patriots' Path Council

GoodSearch & GoodShop



GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com - Easy ways to support Patriots' Path Council Scouts

Looking for new ways to support Patriots' Path Council Scouts? Here are two fast and easy things you can do:

1. Use **GoodSearch.com** for all your internet searches. Our Council can earn a penny every time you use GoodSearch.com for searches. GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny a search, to local charities its users designate. You can use GoodSearch.com just like other search engines and get the quality search results from Yahoo.
2. Use **GoodShop.com**, a new online shopping mall that donates up to 37% of each purchase to your designated charity. Hundreds of stores, including Macy's, Dell, Amazon.com, and iTunes have teamed up with GoodShop.com to help you support your favorite cause.

Since inception (in 2007), these websites have helped the Council earn almost \$280 from online shopping and over 16,000 web searches. That's enough to support a Scout for a week at summer camp. Every cent counts, so spread the word.

Just set your homepage to: <http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=820541> and use GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com for all your online searches and purchases and watch the donations add up for our Scouts.

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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.

100 Good Turns For 100 Great Years

The 2009 theme for the Patriots' Path Council 100th Anniversary Celebration is: "A Year of Service". With that in mind, the Patriots' Path Council launched the "100 Good Turns Project". Packs, troops, and individuals can all participate just by doing 100 good turns, meaning helping out, lending a hand, being of service to someone or your community. Right now, troops from all over our Council are working on "Good Turn" projects.

There are "Good Turn" T-shirts available at our Scout shops (for \$15.00) for you to wear proudly and also get the word out about service to others. The T-shirts can be customized for packs and troops.

Keep track of your good turns by using the log sheet to record your good deeds (available with T-shirt purchase). You'll earn a commemorative coin and certificate for completing 100 good turns. Just submit your original log sheet to the Council office (sorry, no photocopies allowed). The program runs through 12/31/09 or while supplies last.



100 Good Turns Commemorative Coin



Front & Back View of T-Shirt

For more information, contact Elsie Hemmings at elsie.hemmings@scouting.org

Nominate a Scout for the Centennial National Hall of Leadership

BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY Hall of Leadership

Has a Scout, leader, or other Scouting volunteer made a significant difference at some time in your life, or the lives of others, by the extraordinary service they have given and the Scouting virtues they have modeled? You can thank and recognize them with a nomination to the BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership!

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way"
--John C. Maxwell

Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation's youth by modeling Scouting virtues. And now we have a way to thank them.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for you to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted your life, or the lives of others. To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered

with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old — there is no age limit — and you can submit as many nominations as you'd like.

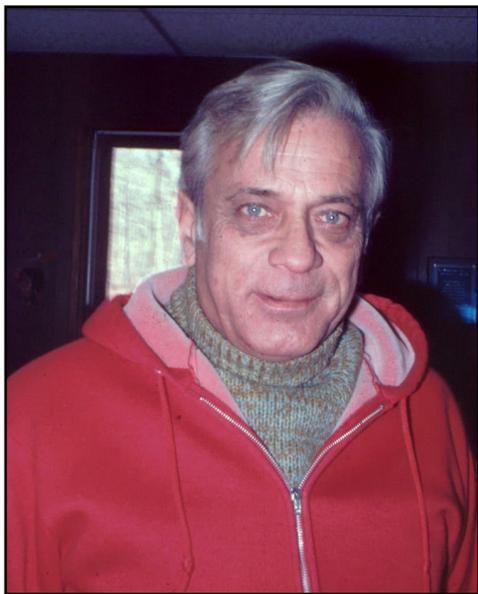
The nomination period is open for one year, from February 8, 2009 to February 8, 2010. One inductee will be selected from each local BSA council in the country along with one from the national office. Inductees will be announced at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas in May 2010.

You can watch an inspiring video and complete the online nomination form by visiting the National Council 100th anniversary website at <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/NationalHallofLeadership.aspx>

Take some time to tell the story of a leader who inspired you.

Source: "Celebrating 100 Years - National Hall of Leadership". <http://www.scouting.org>

Focus on Scouting Veterans: Fred Stokes



Fred Stokes at a Klondike Derby event

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 are a part of our scouting family forever! One such individual is Fred Stokes.

Fred Stokes, a long-time supporter of Scouting (almost 60 years) was born in Jersey City, NJ. He became involved in Scouts as an adult when his church, in search of a Scoutmaster, recruited him for the job. He later started a new troop (T-75) in Pequannock in 1955. He served as the Scoutmaster for six years and started working on the District Committee – Boonton District, which later combined with Chatham and is now known as the Fishawack District.

Fred took over the camping activities and started the district's first Klondike Derby and Cub Gold Rush events. These activities were immediately popular and quickly spread to other districts.

The Klondike came about because Fred recognized a need to get troops together during the winter months. The first KD was held at Mt. Allamuchy on a Saturday in February with 30 teams from 13 troops participating. Six adults had set up the derby activities, such as first aid, knot-tying and other Scouting skills for a very exciting event.

That first Klondike Derby was especially memorable for Fred because there was a major snowstorm that weekend and the teams got snowed-in due to the very fast accumulation of about 3ft of snow. "We were snow-bound till Monday and ended up staying in Cabin #1, a cabin that was built by the district using trees from the camp property. There was one working phone in the Ranger's residence. The kids had a great time."

Years later, Fred joined the Council Board and was responsible for the camps. He established the Special Scouting site at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation, that included wheelchairs. He eventually took over the Special Scouting program. He's held other leadership positions, including camp inspector and advisor to Order of the Arrow and completed the Woodbadge training. For his dedication to Scouting, Fred was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award.

Fred, now retired, is a former Vice President from the Boonton Molding Company, a producer of plastics for various industries; he says his company was the first to develop plastic dishes. He and his late wife, Betty, a nurse whom he met while serving in the Navy on a ship in the Pacific sailing to Japan during WWII have two daughters, Ann and Elizabeth (deceased). Fred now lives quietly in Cape Cod, MA, near his daughter, Ann and her husband, Andrew.

Fred admits that he misses his weekly trips to camp and the thousands of kids that have crossed his path. What Fred enjoyed the most about Scouting was getting away to attend jamborees and other outdoor events.

When asked which of the Scout Law attributes, touches him the most, he says "A Scout is Trustworthy." He says, "the best way for me take care of my family and friends is to be honest with them." He goes on to say that if you live by the Scout Oath and Law, you'll do just fine."

Veteran Celebrations



Patriots' Path Council would like to congratulate the following Scouting veterans who are celebrating service anniversaries this year. Veteran recognitions are for every 5 years of service.

First	Last	Service Years	First	Last	Service Years
Will	Adams	45	Richard	Mager	50
Harry	Allen	45	Frederick	Midlige	55
Rodney	Ayres	45	Jeffrey	Milanaik	10
Bruce	Benson	35	Thomas	Miller	30
Frank	Bruno	35	John	Nelson	55
Bob	Carlson	25	Richard	Olmsted	50
David	Curtis	25	Richard	Olson	30
Antonio	DeCaro	30	Michael	O'Shea	40
Douglas	DuBois	60	Michael	Pursell	20
David	Faes	25	Richard	Preuss	25
Rupert	Fenz	45	Daniel	Rauch	40
Carl	Foerster	40	John	Richards	40
Steven	Fulda	40	John	Scheri	30
Robert	Germinder	45	Willard	Smith	30
Russ	Hulsizer	65	Eric	Strand	40
John	Kennedy	45	George	Telschow	25
Dennis	Kohl	45	Dennis	Toft	40
Howard	Liebmann	25	Dan	Winans	25
James	Lime	50	John	Winters	20

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Catherine Zanotti** as her daughter and son-in-law, **Wendy and Steve Fivehouse** welcome her new grandson, Colin Myles Fivehouse (6lbs 14 oz.).



Congratulations to **Jim and Carol Edmonds** as they welcome a new granddaughter, Phoebe Elizabeth Edmonds-Beattie.

Congratulations to **Kris Goodrich** celebrating the birth of his first child, Eva Goodrich.

See more alumni and Council news.

Visit the Alumni Relations page or access the Pathfinder E-newsletter on the Council website <http://www.ppbsa.org>.

Do you have news to share?

Send them to Kim Vernon, Alumni Relations at kvernon@bsaemail.org.

Upcoming Events

June 4, 2009

Distinguished Citizen Award Tribute
Cocktail Reception and Dinner—6:30 pm
Baltusrol Golf Club—Springfield, NJ

June 8, 2009

Tradeshow of Scouting
6:00—9:00 pm
Skylands—Randolph, NJ

June 12—14, 2009

Order of Arrow Ordeal
Winnebago Scout Camp
Rockaway, NJ

June 17, 2009

Somerset Lifetime Achievement Award
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Dolce Hotels & Resorts Basking Ridge Basking Ridge, NJ.

October 2 - 4, 2009

PPC Centennial Jamboree
Sussex County Fairgrounds
Augusta, NJ.

For more information on these events, contact the Council office 973-765-9322 ext. 232.

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