

THE EAGLE'S NEST

From the President



Dear Fellow Eagle Scouts:

The membership of the Lebanon County Eagle Scout Society has been most generous over the years. Each year, the Board of Directors wants to ensure you know how your funds were used to promote Scouting.

This year, we again funded the tuition for the

Rangers/Camp Directors of both camps at the National Camping School. We believe that by providing this educational opportunity, the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers of Lebanon County will receive a higher quality program. The Migrant Education Program cub pack has needed funding for books and t-shirts for the boys attending the program. The Society provided up to \$600 to meet those needs. We must note that this year, four of the boys crossed-over into Boy Scouts and are now involved in the full program of activities.

Through the Robert L. Yates Memorial Camper-ship Fund, we donated \$1,591 to the Council

which sent 27 youth in 9 different Lebanon County packs and troops to camp this summer. Without your help, these boys may not have had the opportunity to learn at camp this summer.

The board thanks you for your support and will, with your help, continue to help many more boys enjoy and learn from scouting.

DATE:
November 23, 2005

GATHERING:
6:30 PM

DINNER:
7:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:

Our Speaker

De Tan Nguyen is our 2005 guest speaker. De is a professional Scouter who currently serves as a member of the Center for Professional Development faculty. De's scouting association, however, began in 1975 when he joined Troop 446 in Lebanon. He served on the Bashore staff (1978 & 1979), was Swatara Chapter Chief (1978), earned the Ea-

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CAMP BASHORE, SUMMER of '05!

Bashore Scout Reservation.....Summer of 2005

Did you miss it? What?.....? You didn't miss visiting or serving our TRUE BLUE MOUNTAIN HOME did you? Awwwwww too bad because it was a summer camp to remember. Yes sir, our members can be very pleased for the support we have given, individually and collectively, as the Lebanon County Eagle Scout Society to our outstanding scout camp. It is money and effort well spent. One week of furious effort in physical preparation and training followed by seven weeks of scout troop summer camp.

This year's count was 1,150

scouts and 300 leaders, averaging 170 per week, and encompassing 74 units coming from 4 different states (MS, VA, PA, NJ) and DC. The majority were local council scouts.

These eager contingents were served admirably by the staff of 43 who averaged 3 years' staff experience. They were assisted by a total of 14 CIT's (Counselors in Training). The senior Bashore staff experience totaled more than 50 years. Our Rifle Range, Archery Range, and Aquatic staff leaders recently graduated from the National BSA Camping and Aquatic School.

In addition to the regular

summer camp experience, the last week also included the Eagle Academy program, which was attended by 34 participants who received a giant boost from Star and Life ranks to Eagle. The course offers the required merit badges:

- Citizenship in the community
- Citizenship in nation
- Citizenship in world
- Communications
- Personal management
- Personal fitness

....and an Eagle community-service-project planning session. Our own Dan Sernoffsky (sports writer for The Lebanon Daily News)

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CAMP BASHORE, SUMMER of '05!

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served as an instructor in Commu-
nications Merit Badge.

Scouts arrived at Camp Bashore anticipating a week of opportunity – and the Bashore staff delivers in full measure. First year campers experience the Blue Mountain Man Program that kicks off the scouting life with all the fun and learning our very enthusiastic staff can serve up. All requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class are experienced.

Throughout all program areas, a total of 34 merit badges are offered. That's an opportunity hard to beat! Add to that – the fun filled and challenging competition programs scattered throughout the week consisting of rifle range, archery, aquatics, camp-wide games, Blue Mountain hiking trails, handicraft, early-bird swims, volleyball competitions (on the newly refurbished sand court), boating, canoeing, sailing, bicycling, out-post camp, horse-back riding, dining hall mealtime fun songs, chapel services and campfire memories AH — SUMMER CAMP – WHATS NOT TO LIKE!

There's always something new and exciting making our True Blue Mountain Home even better, such as the ongoing rehab project by Venture Crew 2 at the Joseph

John's Homestead – that's right – the Old Black Joe hut, which is near completion. And, there's the newly re-vamped trails up the Blue Mountain. This project, which is called the "True Blue Mountain Hikers" Incentive Program, encourages both scouts and leaders to explore the re-named and re-marked trails (6-color-coded-trails) and receive instant recognition for each trail hiked. This is the ultimate BSR hiking experience that many seasonal weekend scout campers can enjoy. A printed folder with map is available at the camp office. Come out to camp and hike "OLD BLUE".

And you will be impressed to see (especially during the active summer camp season) the recently dedicated Robert L Yates Nature Lodge, snuggled into the forest along the western edge of the meadow. This is a 24' x 60' dark brown wood structure with green metal roof, a large roofed porch, two separate storage/office spaces, and very nice display shelves, counters and work areas. Many of the static displays were acquired with the help of our LCESS's chairman, Mayor Bob Anspach, from the disbanded city Nature Barn. We can be especially proud of the role our Eagle Scout Society played in spearheading the fund-raising effort for this newest facility at camp. It has quickly become a

very busy program area – alive with creatures – great and small.

What's coming up very soon is the construction of the Camp Maintenance Building located in the pines across from the parking lot. This facility will allow for relocation of all maintenance materials and equipment that will free up the scout barn for program space and activity. What a great change and opportunity! Plans may include indoor climbing walls, archery and air-rifle indoor ranges and additional instruction areas T HIS CAMP ROCKS!

So what's in your future? Will you accept the opportunity for service, a pay-back for all that scouting did for you and continues for our young scouts?

This writer, once again, was fortunate to have spent a summer week as a camp commissioner. Let me put it this way – as long as I am breathing – I hope to keep returning to Camp Bashore for this most rewarding time. Heck, they even let me drive the camp truck for evening trash pick-up!

So, how about you? Can you spare a day or more to help at Camp Bashore? Can you spare an hour? There are opportunities: the Eagle Academy needs volunteers, the Campmaster volunteers (you

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Our Speaker

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gle rank in 1978,
served as Wunita
Gokhis Lodge vice-
chief (1978 – 1979),
and was the OA Sec-
tion NE-5A vice Chief
(1979-1980). He holds
the vigil rank in the
OA. He also served as
a Wood Badge course
director for the 21st
Century Wood Badge
course in 2001, and is

a life member of the
National Eagle Scout
Association.

De began his profes-
sional Scouting career
in June 1984 as a dis-
trict executive in Van
Nuys, California. In
February 1987 he was
promoted to senior dis-
trict executive of the
South Florida Council,
Miami Lakes, Florida.

In January 1990 he be-
came district director
and later the director
of camping for the Or-
ange County council in
Costa Mesa, California.
He joined the National
staff in December 1994
and served successfully
as Associate Director,
Urban Emphasis/
Scoutreach Division
until he assumed his
present position in

_____ \$30.00 I will attend the LCESS dinner on November 23, 2005 (Price includes 2006 dues)

_____ \$20.00 For each Guest

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_____ Please accept my donation to the General Scouting Needs Fund

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7:00 P.M. Program - Dinner
Wednesday, November 23, 2005

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