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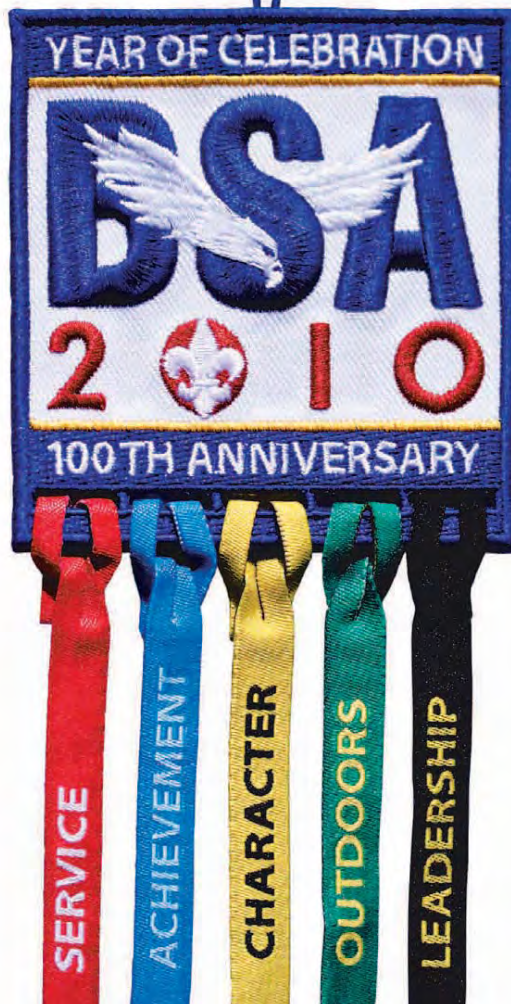
Its members belong to Scout units that are chartered partners with the Boy Scouts of America including churches, civic clubs, and other community organizations.

Especially during our anniversary we salute our chartered partners for making the scouting program available to neighborhood youth and their families.

It is because of these institutions that Scouts learn the principals and ideals found in the Scout Oath and Law.

The impact of our scouting program will make our communities a better place to live during the years ahead.

*Andy Smith
2010 Council President*



Top and Bottom Left: Pack 404 earning their bobcat badge at the park.

Middle Left: Owen Anderson and Ty Newsome

Top Right: Scouts from pack 404 meet country singer Colt Ford.

Bottom Right: Troop 429 working on their Shotgun Merit Badge at Camp Patten.



The Past and Future of Scouting

It is hard to believe that my time as the President of the Alapaha Area Council is coming to a close. I have been fortunate to work arm in arm with dedicated volunteers and staff that work each and every day to make a difference in the life of a child.

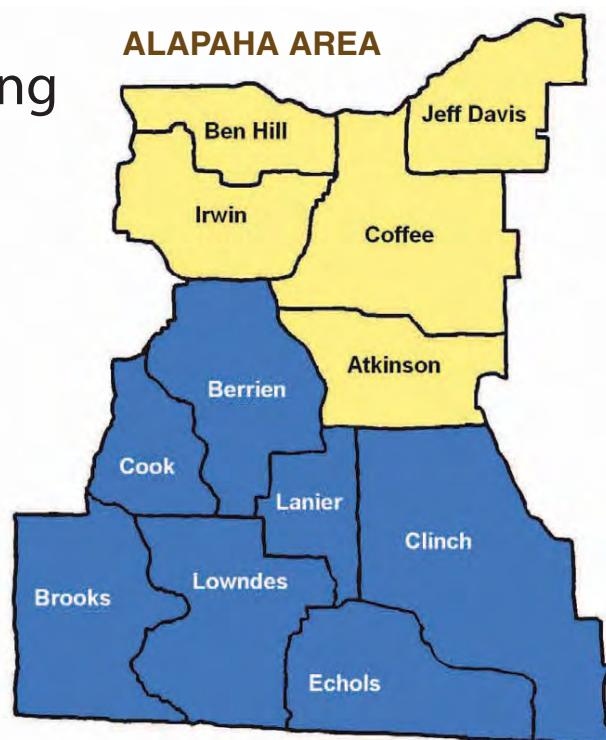
The Scouting movement has, for the past century, touched millions of families and has become an American institution synonymous with all the qualities that make our nation great.

Thank you to those in our community that support Scouting with your time, talents, and resources. It is because of you that we have been able to not only survive, but thrive in these difficult times. We have much to be proud of, but as the old saying goes, accomplishments are something to build on, not rest on.



I look forward to continuing to serve the youth of our community through Scouting and would invite anyone interested in meaningful service to let any of us know. There is plenty of work to be done, and Scouting is needed more today than ever.

Clay Moseley



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Adventure Base 100 to Roll into the Alapaha Area

Boy Scouts of America Mark 100th Anniversary Celebration

Valdosta — Ropes Course. GoScouting! Dome. Traveling Museum. In celebration of the organization's 100th anniversary, the Boy Scouts of America is bringing a truly unique and interactive experience to Jacksonville, Florida: Adventure Base 100.

Created specifically for the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary Celebration, Adventure Base 100 is traveling the country to rally people of all ages to take part in "Celebrating the Adventure, Continuing the Journey."

Adventure Base 100 is a unique, interactive 10,000-square-foot campus featuring immersive and exciting Scout-related experiences to provide a hands-on view of the Boy Scouts of America's 100 year history and the difference Scouting has made in the lives of millions of youth.

The tour started in January at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., and will end in November in New York City. Adventure Base 100 will be rolling into more than 40 markets across the country. It will be in Jacksonville from March 19th through 21st.



Top: Troop 491 during Summer Camp 2003, from left, Jordan Jackson, Jacob Steurmer, Kevin Wrinn, Sam Courtenay, Steven Carter, Jimmy Carter, Joey Hoffman, Jay Blanton, Kevin Berkel, and Ralph Jackson.

Bottom: This photo was taken in 1956 — 57 of Boy Scouts from Moody Air Force Base Troop 411. During this ceremony the scouts were preparing the awarding of new badges. The Scout leaders up front were Airman stationed at Moody. The Scout next to the flag is Bill Exum of Lakeland. In the row of scouts with their backs to the camera are from left, George Folsom, Sandy Sanders and Pete Stone of Lakeland. The remaining scouts in the photo were not identified.

"Our goal is to engage those interested in the Boy Scouts of America in a new and exciting way," said Matt Hart, Scout Executive of the Alapaha Area Council. "We are thrilled that the Adventure Base 100 experience will be so close to us. It's a great opportunity to celebrate our rich 100 year heritage, spark fond memories in former Scouts and alumni, and intrigue those who may

be interested in learning more about our organization."

Adventure Base 100 will be located at the St. Johns Town Center Mall in Jacksonville and will include:

A high adventure ropes course for all visitors more than 4 feet tall weighing less than 200 pounds.

A multi-sensory experience that will offer visitors the sights, smells and sounds of Scouting via the campus IMAX-like video "GoScouting!Dome."

An overview about what it takes to become an Eagle Scout, the highest level of Scouting.

A chance to speak with members of Local Councils to learn more about Scouting.

A traveling Scouting museum featuring an overview of the Boy Scouts of America's amazing history, including a display of rare artifacts collected by the organization over the last 100 years.

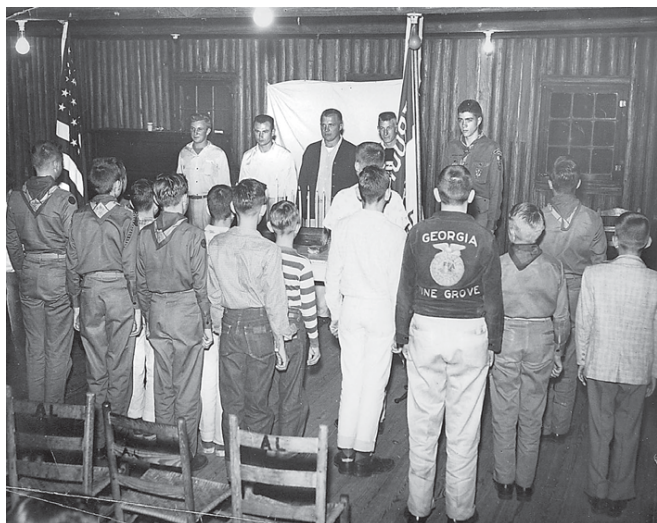
For nearly a century, the Boy Scouts of America has brought

families and communities together to prepare America's youth to live, work, and play with character and integrity. Adventure Base 100 is one of eight major engagement programs the organization is undertaking as part of its 100th Anniversary Celebration.

About the Boy Scouts of America

Serving nearly 4.1 million youth between the ages of 7 and 20, with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the BSA is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. The Scouting movement is composed of 1.2 million volunteers, whose dedication of time and resources has enabled the BSA to remain the nation's leading youth-service organization. For more information on the BSA, please visit www.scouting.org.

More information about 100 Years of Scouting can be found at www.scouting.org/100years.



Scouting's Bottom Line

What happens to a Scout? For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

- RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their church award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person
- Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent

nation-wide survey of high schools revealed the following information:

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts
- 71% of football captains were Scouts

Scouts also account for:

- 64% of Air Force Academy graduates
- 68% of West Point graduates
- 70% of Annapolis graduates
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of F.B.I. agents
- 26 of the first 29 astronauts



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Top: Tiger Scout Timothy Kreyling from Pack 400 at the Space Derby.

Middle: Cub Pack 429 cub scouts having fun at the Cub O Ree 2009 at Camp Patten.

Bottom: Tiger Scouts from Troop 410 on a field trip.

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TIGER CUBS

Boys in the first grade learn new skills with an adult family member. They work together on projects and attend a monthly event with other Tiger Cubs.



BOY SCOUTS

Camping, outdoor activities, and a challenging advancement program help develop self-reliance and leadership skills for boys in the sixth through 12th grades.



CUB SCOUTS

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In today's world, growing into adulthood means more than just growing up – it means learning to make decisions. Decisions about drugs, crime, gangs, peer pressure, and more. For 88 years the Boy Scouts of America has provided strong, values-driven programs that strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness in youth, traits that prepare young people to make the best decisions for today and tomorrow.

If you would like more information on becoming involved in Scouting, please contact your local Boy Scouts of America council found in the white pages of your local phone directory or visit our Web site at www.scouting.org.



A History of Camp Patten

It was early fall, 1964 and 3 men met in Lakeland, Georgia to discuss a gift which would have a profound impact on the future of the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The three men were Lawson Patten, a prominent member of the oldest family in Lanier County and a successful businessman and former mayor of Lakeland, Colonel Vincent Miles, of the United States Air Force who was then President of the Alapaha Area Council and John Holland, the Scout Executive for the Alapaha Area Council.

The proposed gift was a piece of property consisting of approximately 184 acres located generally about 2 miles southwest of the town of Lakeland. The land was bounded on the east by the Alapaha River and on the south and west by a small creek which had been dammed up to form a lake of about 12 acres.

Mr. Patten had originally offered the land to the Baptist Church in Lakeland who recommended instead that he consider deeding it to the BSA, for the development of a Boy Scout Camp. Accordingly, Mr. Patten, Colonel Miles, and John Holland met in Lakeland on September 14, 1964. It did not take long for them to come to an agreement and the property was officially deeded to the Alapaha Area Council on December 31st, 1964. In order to recognize and honor Mr. Patten and his family the Council named the property Camp Patten.

The camp was slated to be used by the troops of the council for weekend camps and by the council for leader meetings and training courses. The Alapaha Area Council consisted then, as it does now of 12 counties in South Central Georgia, Atkinson, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier and Lowndes.

The 12 acre Patten pond was already present on the property. It had been created in 1936 by Mr. Patten by the damming of a small creek that flowed out of Banks Lake. The pond was filled primarily by the use of a Deming diesel vertical turbine pump which Mr. Patten purchased

and placed on the property and which pumped water into the pond. Many of the older Scouters in the Council remember the pump taking days to raise the pond level even a few inches. Nevertheless, over time the pond filled to a level sufficient to allow swimming and some boating.

The plan called for the dining hall to be the first building at the camp. It was to accommodate 200 scouters and was to be 24x104 feet with a kitchen of 28x40 feet.

However, it proved much harder to raise the \$30,000.00 necessary to build the dining hall itself. Ultimately, an open-air covered general purpose shelter was constructed on the site proposed for the dining hall. It was considerably smaller than originally envisioned. It was built in the late 60's through a donation by the Montague family who owned the local Pepsi dealership. It measured only 25x40 feet and after completion was dubbed the Pepsi Shack in honor of the Montague family.

No other substantial improvements were made to the property other than general cleanup and improvement of the trails on the property to accommodate vehicular traffic, until 1968 when Chubby T. Earnest became Scout Executive for the Alapaha Area Council. Under his leadership, additional trails were made through the property with the use of scout volunteers.

A formal plan was developed at that time which was reduced to a schematic plat in February 1969.

There were also 5 large troop sites to be situated around the lake and in the open area planted with pines. A chapel was proposed immediately off the lake itself. The council ring was proposed more centrally located along a service road where the land dropped off swiftly which would allow for a tiered amphitheater. The Council Ring at this time was located immediately west of the lake which was the area designated for the proposed chapel.

In 1971, the chapel was constructed slightly further off the



Top: Cub Scouts during the Cub-O-Ree, from left, Ty Newsome, Jackson Schnetzer, Cooper Samples, Williams Richards, Owen Anderson and Kevin Lebouthillier.

Middle: A Cub Scout is ready to take off during the Cubmobile.

Bottom: 2001 Troop 491 Flag Retirement Ceremony.

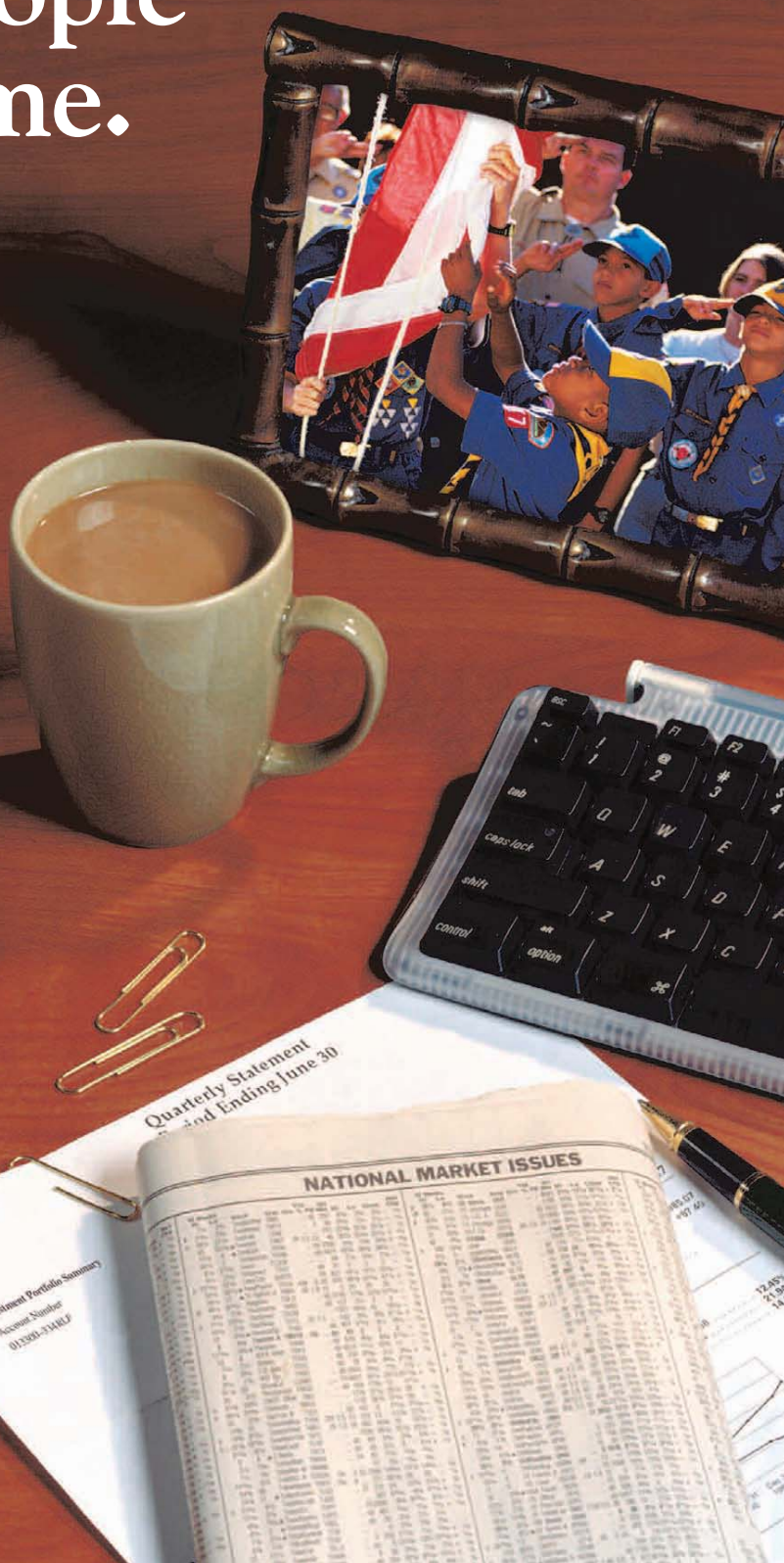
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lake and more to the north and west than where it was originally planned and was built with the generous assistance of the Miller family as well as Dr. Lewis Chisholm of Homerville. The chapel was an A-frame open construction with a simple altar and several rows of plain log pews. It was named in memorial of Margaret Miller who had died in 1969.

The Council Ring Amphitheater was then developed and was placed approximately where it was proposed on the site plan. Mr. Ernest convinced a local construction and excavation company to lend him a bulldozer and with the assistance of the Council President, Joe Stevens, and others, carved out the tiers in the Council Ring and placed the rows of log seating. Joe Stevens was instrumental in not only getting the Council Ring built but also in getting many of the other improvements accomplished at the Camp during this period of time. The Council Ring was named the Joseph Stevens Council Ring in honor of Mr. Stevens efforts.

Also under the direction of Chubby Earnest, Camp Patten began holding summer camps.

The summer camps were principally organized by Claude Guice, the Scoutmaster for the Lanier County Troop. Staff was provided by several local troops. In the early 70's Camp Patten's Summer Camp had become so popular that several hundred boys were attending. Each troop provided their own tents and cooked their own meals. Food was handed out of the back of the Pepsi Shack to the boys. The meals were then cooked by the boys on a sheep-herders stove which is basically a large metal box with a chimney. It requires some minimal skill to use, but unfortunately many of the boys reportedly never adequately acquired that ability.

It became evident in the early seventies that facilities would have to be expanded to accommodate the growing use. Accordingly, the Pepsi Shack was expanded by building a kitchen area which also, for the first time, included a well.



Tiger Scouts from Troop 400 pull themselves across the lake during the 2008 Cub-O-Ree at Camp Patten.

Claude Guice also arranged for the donation of a hot water heater from Georgia Power and had electric lines run to the staff area so at least the staff was able to have hot water for their still outdoor showers. Various water lines and electric lines were begun and added onto by Scouter volunteers as the needs arose resulting in a less than systematic or uniform electric or water system at camp.

Shortly after the addition of the kitchen to the building, Mr. Guice enclosed the Pepsi Shack with framed walls, put in a ceiling and screens and windows. A fireplace was built into the western wall of the Pepsi Shack in the early 90's through the efforts of the Order of the Arrow Lodge.

A caretaker house was also brought into Camp Patten around 1970. It had been donated by Dr. Lewis Chisholm of Homerville. Dr. Chisholm had purchased property in Homerville in Echols County and wished to build there. A house was already on the property, however, so Dr. Chisholm donated the existing house to the Boy Scouts and had the house moved to the camp. The caretaker area and maintenance and storage yard was completed by the addition of the pole building storage facility originally proposed. For many years the caretaker house was called Chisholm Hall in honor of Dr. Chisholm and provided housing for several of the camp caretakers. It remained as a caretaker home on the property until it became unuseable

and was removed in the fall of 2002.


The four troop sites were located in the southwest area of the property and, around the lake. They were named Delaware, Apache, Blackfoot, and Choktaw.

In 1976 the Webelos overnight area was also developed. It was placed slightly further east and south of the area originally planned for but it included a screened activity shelter with electric power and a latrine/shower building with flush toilets and hot showers.

However, back in 1971, the areas that had been designated for field sports (archery, rifle and shotgun ranges) on the 1969 plan were sufficiently dry to allow development and were being used for the rifle and shotgun ranges. Because priority was given to development of troop sites, the four troop sites originally planned for the low area that was being drained were moved to these dry areas and those 4 proposed troop sites were developed.

The Order of the Arrow also planned and developed a picnic area in the open field planted with pines in the south central portion of the camp.

Earlier the dam on the lake had failed resulting in the disappearance of the lake and significant erosion of the surrounding area below the dam. The swimming dock and boating dock were removed from the lake area at this time.



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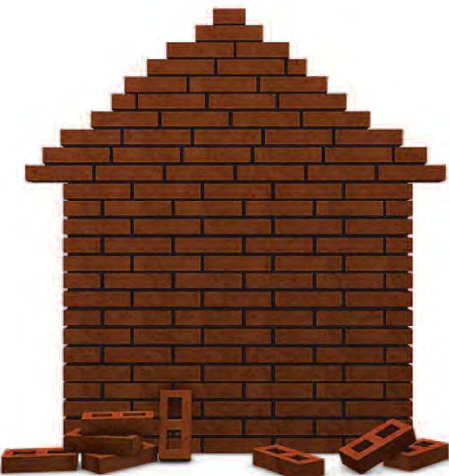


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Pack 429 shooting BB guns at Camp Patten during the Cub O Ree 2009.



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In May 1981 Eugene Ausley became the new Scout Executive for the Alapaha Area Council. Under his direction, a new dam was constructed with a new spillway in August, 1984.

In June 1986 it was decided that a new bathroom/shower house would need to be installed. Ken Rickett, an architect in Valdosta, Georgia prepared the plans and the shower house was constructed. Ferrell Scruggs, of the Scruggs Company, provided the septic tank and foundation for the building and Terry Hunt of Hunt Construction provided many of the other materials to build the shower house.

The spillway failed once again in the late 1980's. While the lake was completely drained due to the damaged spillway, the camp caretaker, Dana Yarnell proposed that the lake bed be cleared. In order to rehabilitate the lake, Mr. Yarnell wished to burn off the vegetation that had grown up in the lake bed. Accordingly, a planned burn was started and the vegetation was burned off. Unfortunately, the fire got out of control and burned a portion of the chapel as well. Mr. Garland Pendergraff was helping Mr. Yarnell with the destruction of a pesky beaver dam across the road

when the fire flared up. Mr. Pendergraff took it upon himself to organize the repair of the chapel. Today you must look very hard to see any signs of the damage.

In 1993 the dam on Patten Pond failed once again. Due to inordinately heavy rains the overflow pipe in the lake was unable to relieve the water pressure against the dam on the northern side of the lake where the trail crossed the stream. In spite of a heroic two day effort to reinforce the dam with sandbags by Mr. Stone, the dam finally burst. The resulting erosion created a large and deep ravine below the former dam. More than one Scoutmaster thereafter caught their boys diving off the portion of the former dam remaining, into the pool created at the start of the ravine. This practice was thoroughly discouraged, although not completely eliminated, by all adult leaders, as at least three water moccasins were killed in the pool in the next few years until the dam and spillway were finally repaired in the mid-nineties by Don Reames Construction Company with assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers.

In 1999 the children and heirs of A.G. and Roline Little made a generous contribution to the Alapaha Area Council for repair and upkeep

of the pond and construction of a new boat and swimming dock which was soon completed.

By 2000, no rifle or other field sports had been carried out at camp for several years. A search was begun to find a suitable area for a new rifle range and trap shooting range. It was determined that the area to the east and north of the lake was securable and sufficiently accessible to the current troop sites to be feasible and construction commenced in 2001. With principal excavation and construction donated by Brooks Welding Company, the shotgun and rifle ranges were developed.

Recently under the guidance of Council Executive, Matt Hart, Camp Patten is thriving once again, with many new projects completed. A large multi-purpose pavilion was begun in 2003 with generous donations of time, effort and money from several local and area businesses and individuals.

A Cubmobile track was installed in the camp during this time, being the only one on a Scout camp in the country, compliments of the Scruggs Company. The Annual Cubmobile race is the second largest event the Alapaha Area Council conducts each year.

Outdoor lighting was added to the Council Fire Amphitheater in 2004. Also in 2005, a new gateway was built compliments of Irwin EMC with a new entrance constructed in the middle of the property along Burnt Church Road to address access and security concerns.

THE FUTURE

What does the future hold for Camp Patten? As with anything that is cared for and managed by a large constituency, it may depend on who you ask. Most scouts and Scouters have strong opinions and their own visions for what they would like to see. Most of us dream for the day our council locates the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, or has a benefactor appear that wants to do something special at the camp.

There are those who wish we could return to the days of supporting our own Boy Scout Summer Camp operation. There are also those who remember the days of being asset rich and cash broke

because of the impossible task of attempting to operate a large camp without a sufficient membership base and being in a part of the country not particularly suitable for long term summer camping.

This, in addition to the increased cost of both scout and state regulations of camps has resulted in the increase of councils like ours that work with others to deliver the Summer Camp experience. This trend that began in South Georgia years ago is now spreading as councils in Chicago, Illinois, Miami, and Fort Myers, Florida all have ceased their summer camp operations in recent years due to increased operational costs.

So what does the future hold in store? Over the years, the plans for the future of Camp Patten have changed as the faces have changed. Needs and wants will certainly change again as people in the council change with time.

Camp Patten now for decades has been the place where the adventure that is Scouting is realized. It is the place where the ideals and methods of the Boy Scouts of America come alive for Scouts and their leaders and families. We are fortunate to have such a place where the youth of our communities can come, learn and experience first hand something that they have previously only read about, a place where they have the opportunity to put their training to use and have fun doing it.

Camp Patten also serves as a reminder of a simpler time. It is very appropriate that Camp Patten is located in Lakeland, a town that endeavors to hold on to its history with murals from the past and motorcades of old fashioned cars. It is a town where most people know one another and a town where you never will meet a stranger. Lakeland is a town of innocence, a reminder for many parents of their own childhoods, and a memory that they want to instill in their children. Lakeland is a perfect place for a Boy Scout camp whose programs continue to teach the ideals of patriotism, self-reliance, and a duty to God, country, and self.

Above all we hope the future of Camp Patten is just that....Memories being made for a lifetime, one child at a time.



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Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting's Impact on Families

Nearly every youth experiences Scouting with members of their family. Scouting provides the opportunity to strengthen ties between family members, create great family memories, and develop a shared family foundation of worthwhile virtues and values. The 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program celebrates Scouting's legacy and its positive impact on American families through a program centered on the enduring symbol of the tree.

By visiting the Generations Connection section at www.scouting.org/100years, you will find fun and meaningful outlets for participation in the program. Explore your Scouting family tree, share your family story, or, thanks to an exciting partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, plant an official 100th Anniversary tree ... to help grow a new BSA Centennial Forest. Visit the Web site and learn more today!

For 100 years, families throughout the country have realized the powerful benefits that participation in Scouting brings. Help us honor this legacy, and commit to supporting 100 more years of strong youth and families!



Pack 404 earning their bobcat badge at the park.



Outdoor Program Opportunities Provided by the Alapaha Area Council



Tiger Scout Koby Pinkowski from Pack 400 races in the 2008 Cubmobile.

Camping and outdoor activities fulfill a Cub Scout's dreams of fun, excitement, and adventure. Cub Scouting's family-based programming provides a natural setting for quality time with family and friends.

Some of the opportunities for these experiences are:

- Campfire Ceremony
- And much, much more

CUBMOBILE

Cubmobile is a popular event for the Alapaha Area Council. Boys steer a gravity-driven lifesized pinewood derby car down the hill in "soap-box-derby" fashion. This event has become one of the highlights of the year for Cub Scouts all over the council.

WEBELOS RENDEZVOUS

On January 29-31, Camp Patten will be the location for Webelos Woods. This event, run by Boy Scouts, will introduce 4th grade Webelos Scouts to the excitement of Boy Scouting and prepare the 5th grade Webelos Scouts for their entrance into the Boy Scout program.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Held in June, Cub Scout Day Camp provides a week-long daytime experience for Cub Scouts to come learn scout skills, make new friends and have a great experience at the end of the program year. Past themes for Cub Scout Day Camp have been Knights of the Roundtable; Wild, Wild West; Cub Scout Boot Camp, Indian Summer, and Passport to Adventure.

TIGER PROWL

This one-day carnival type event will give new Tiger Cubs and their parents an opportunity to visit Camp Patten, enjoy the outdoors and learn more about Scouting. This event is strictly for Tiger Cubs and their adult partners.

CUB-O-REE

A weekend of fun and excitement awaits Cub Scouts and their families at Cub-O-Ree. This October event at Camp Patten. Planned around a central theme, this event will introduce Cub Scouts and their families to the outdoor program and give them the opportunity to become better acquainted with the other members of their pack.

Some of the activities at Cub-O-Ree include:

- Archery
- BB Shooting
- Games

A BOY'S EYES

*"I'd like to be a Cub Scout" -
(His eyes were filled with glee)
I'd like to learn and play and build.
Like Jim and Jerry Lee.*

*I know how to use a hammer;
I can drive a nail if I try...
I'm eight years old, and I'm big and strong
And I hardly ever cry.*

*I gave him the application
And parent-participation sheet
(His eyes were filled with sunshine
As he left dancing on his feet.)*

*Next day my friend was back again,
A dejected little lad.
I guess I'll skip the Cub Scouts
(His eyes were dark and sad).*

*My mom is awfully busy,
She has lots of friends, you see,
She'd never have time for a den
She hardly has time for me.*

*And dad is always working -
He's hardly ever there.
To give them anymore to do
Just wouldn't be quite fair.*

*He handed back the papers
With the dignity of eight years,
And smiling bravely, left me
(His eyes were filled with tears).*

*Do you see your own boy's eyes
As other people may?
How he looks when you're too busy
Or just haven't time today?*

*A boy is such a special gift -
Why don't you realize
It only takes a little time
To put sunshine in his eyes.*

*You say "I'll start tomorrow"
But tomorrow is far away
He's a boy for such a short, short time
So won't you start today?*

ALWAYS

On My Honor,

I will do my best to do my duty
to God and my country and to
obey the Scout Law; to help
other people at all times; to
keep myself physically
strong, mentally awake,
and morally straight.



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Eagle Scouts Sought for First Reunion



"Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

The Alapaha Area Council is planning its first ever Eagle Scout Reunion as part of its 100th Anniversary of Scouting celebration activities. We are looking for Eagle Scouts of all ages. Whether you achieved your Eagle Award here in the Alapaha Area Council or elsewhere and you currently reside in the area, we want to hear from you!

This event will be a great opportunity for fellow Eagle Scouts, regardless of age, to come together and celebrate Scouting and the impact it has had on their lives. It will also be a chance to reconnect with Scouting and get updated on what's going on in the world of the Boy Scouts of America.

If you are an Eagle Scout, or know someone who is, please contact Linda Miller at the Alapaha Area Council with contact information so we can be sure all known Eagle Scouts in the area are invited to attend this great event (linda.miller@scouting.org, 229-242-2331).

The Eagle Scout Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Valdosta.



Top: Chirs Woodward with troop 415

Bottom: Eagle Scout Joseph Hoffman



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Boy Scouts of America Launches Nationwide Alumni Search in Preparation for Coming 2010 Milestone

VALDOSTA – The Boy Scouts of America has launched the BSA Alumni Connection program in an attempt to reconnect with millions of Scouting alumni across the United States, in time for them to participate in the organization's 2010 centennial celebration.

The BSA is inviting not just former Scouts, but anyone who has been impacted by Scouting, to reconnect through BSA Alumni Connection (www.BSAalumni.org). That includes family members of Scouts, volunteers, professional Scouters, community leaders, and the tens of millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting every day.

"With every element of this important milestone, we're committed to inspiring, engaging, and empowering our entire Scouting community," said Matt Hart, Scout Executive. "Scouting alumni are a big part of that. We would like them to come back, make a new connection, and take an active role in Scouting again."

When Scouting alumni visit www.BSAalumni.org, they will gain access to a host of new alumni programs. They can search for old Scouting friends and mentors, upload photos and stories to an online scrapbook, and learn how they can get involved in 100th Anniversary activities and events. They will even be able to do something that, for the past 100 years, only active Scouts could do—earn a series of commemorative patches.

The goal of the BSA Alumni Connection program is to have the people whose lives have been positively impacted by Scouting demonstrate their dedication and commitment to the next generation of Scouts, Hart said. This is their opportunity to impact the next century of Scouting.

If you are, or know, a Scouting alumnus, visit www.BSAalumni.org. BSA alumni are invited to reconnect with others, rekindle Scouting memories, and reengage with the Boy Scouts of America. Those without access to the Internet can call the Alapaha Area Council, Boy Scouts of America at 229-242-2331 to be part of the BSA Alumni Connection program.



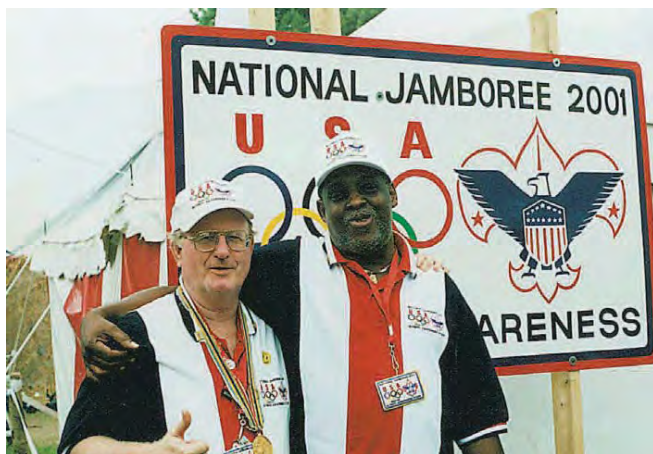
Top Left: Tiger Scout Owen Anderson with Troop 410.



Top Right: Cub Scouts from 1960, back row, left to right, Tommy Catoe, Wes Davis, Gary Colyer, Max Stephenson, Franky Thomson, front row, left to right, David Hoyal, David Retterbush, and Allen Catoe along with den mother Mrs. Horace Stephenson.

Middle Left: Jim Halter, left, assistant director, Olympic Expo Staff, 2001 National Boy Scout Jamboree with Richard Stebbins, Gold Medal Winner, 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games, 400/100 Relay.

Middle Right: Cub Pack 429 working on building birdhouses.



Bottom Left: Cub Pack 429 playing marbles for Belt Loop & Pin at Azalea City Church of God.

Bottom Right: Scouts from Troop 491 at the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, July, 2005.



The Boy Scouts of America

The Cub Scout program is for boys in the first through fifth grades (or ages 7 through 10). Cub Scouts join a pack, and are assigned to a den, usually a group of six to eight boys. The Cub Scouts meet weekly. Once a month, all of the dens and family members gather for a pack meeting under the direction of the Cubmaster.

The Scouting program is Home and Neighborhood centered. Scouting happens in large apartment complexes, in urban areas, in rural communities, in large cities, in small towns, and wherever boys live.

The Scout meetings may be at your local school, church, or an organization that is willing to furnish a meeting location for Scouting.

Being involved in Cub Scouting can have some great benefits! It

helps boys develop good citizenship, good sportsmanship, and pride in growing strong in body and mind. It can help foster a sense of personal achievement and strengthen boys' ability to get along with other boys and respect other people. Cub Scouts learn to be helpful and do their best, how to develop good character and spiritual growth, and also to work towards becoming a Boy Scout. But most of all, it's fun and exciting. Explore the links above to see all the fun and exciting things Cub Scouts are doing. We hope you and your son will want to join us!

The Boy Scouts are young men ages 11 to 17 and their Scouting program is also Home and Neighborhood centered. Scouting happens in large apartment complexes, in urban areas, in rural communities, in large cities, in small towns,



Alapha Area Jamboree, July 2005, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, Scoutmaster Bill Murray.

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The objective of the Boy Scouting program is to develop character, citizenship, and personal fitness among youth by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities. Boy Scouts strive to have a high degree of self-reliance, and to develop important qualities, such as initiative, courage, resourcefulness, personal values, and the skill and desire to help others. Boy Scouts are knowledgeable about, and take pride in their heritage and religious values.

The patrol system gives Boy Scouts experience in group participation and responsibility. These small groups plan troop activities through their elected representatives. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals. The boys are provided a series of surmountable obstacles, and the steps in overcoming them. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each

achievement, which helps him gain self confidence, self reliance, and the ability to help others.

Our most important mission is to help your Boy Scout to become physically, emotionally and mentally fit.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. Venturing provides positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing provides the skills needed for young adults to make ethical choices, experience a fun program full of adventure and challenges, acquire leadership skills, and to take advantage of opportunities to advance their skills and knowledge in the areas of high adventure, sports, arts, hobbies, religious life, and Sea Scouting.

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Top Left: Joshua Fricker in February 2004 on Scout Sunday.

Top Right: Troop 410 Tiger Scouts Cooper Samples, Owen Anderson and William Richards.

Middle Left: Troop 491 during a trip to see the USS Alabama. From left, Jordan Rickamn, Jimmy Carter, Kevin Wrinn, Camden Smith, Sam Courtenay, Patrick Cronick, Joey Hoffman and Jordan Jackson.

Middle Right Top: The Scouts with Troop 415 at Park Avenue United Methodist Church.



Middle Right Bottom: Troop 410 Tiger Scouts leader Frank Richards during a field trip.

Bottom Left: Troop 429 at Anderson Museum.

Bottom Right: Troop 429 at Anderson National Cemetery placing flags on graves.





Top Left: Pack 491 Pinewood Derby 1995.

Middle Left: Joseph Hoffman and other scouts from Troop 491 at Cumberland Island with the wild horses in 2002.



Bottom Left: Troop 429 Scouts at Camp Patten.

Bottom Right: Troop 491 at Cumberland Island 2002, left to right, Jeffery Gamble, Jimmy Carter, Joey Hoffman, Andrew Wrinn, Kevin Wrinn, and Jay Blanton.

The Eagle Scout Challenge

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is trustworthy" is the very first point of the Scout Law for good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his church, his troop, and his community. May the white of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is loyalty. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty which means devotion to community, to country, to one's own ideals, and to God. Let the blue of



Top: The Troop 426 Eagle Scouts from Homerville, front row, Zach Smith, Zack Handley, Branden Hillman, back row, Charles Gruver, Kody Johnston, Jacob R. Smith, Ashton Williams, Nick Johnson, Matt Gruver, and Ethan Guess.

Bottom: Patrick Muller Troop 410 Hahira

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the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.

The third obligation of the Eagle Scout is to be courageous. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God, with faith in his fellowman, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. Let the red in the Eagle badge remind you always of courage.

The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be cheerful. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the red, white, and blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout award, which has its ends turned up in a smile.

The final responsibility of an Eagle Scout is service. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others helped him in his climb to the Eagle. The perfor-



mance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when he enters a more adult life continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always "Be Prepared" to put forth his best.

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