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Fellow Vietnamese-American Scouters,

The National Vietnamese Scouting Committee (NVSC) meeting was held along with the BSA National Annual Meeting on May 25, 2016, at San Diego, California, to better serve Huong Dao Viet Nam (Vietnamese American) Scouting.

The year of 2016 is another exciting year for the NVSC and Vietnamese-American Scouting. The National Vietnamese Wood Badge course 999-16 "Tung Nguyen 8" will be held at Camp Maluhia, Maui, Hawaii, from July 31 to August 6, 2016. The course participation is at full capacity. Participants are coming from all over the United States along with two Taiwanese participants and one staffer from Taiwan. Alina Lee, Course Director, and her staff are gearing up for the course and eagerly excited to greet the participants in Maui.

Trai Khai Pha III camp chief, Katrina Huynh, and her staff are tirelessly working on preparation for the 2017 National Vietnamese Venturing Supercamp which will be held at Camp Emerald Bay, Catalina Island, California, from July 9-15, 2017. Trai Khai Pha I & II were successfully carried out for our Vietnamese-American Venturer Scouts. Thus, we are confident that Trai Khai Pha III staff will bring another wonderful experience of Scouting for our Venturers.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) was on our agenda as we discussed the planning process with the assistance from Tr. Martin Phuoc Pham, Houston, Texas. The program focuses on advanced junior leadership training that benefits our scouts and their home units. More information will be shared soon.

International Vietnamese Scouting Jamboree – Trại Thăng Tiến 11 will be held in Virginia. NVSC is looking forward to bringing our service, resources, and support to the jamboree committee.

NVSC is also looking forward to bringing our Vietnamese-American Scouts to the National BSA Jamboree in 2017 and to the next World Scout Jamboree which will be held in the U.S.A. during the summer 2019.

We passionately encourage all units and leaders to take advantage of the resources provided by NVSC and enhance the unit/Lien Doan program for their scouts. More information can be found on Huongdao.org website. We appreciate all the Scout leaders actively involved in serving Vietnamese-American youth across the country. Best wishes for future success with the next Scouting adventure.

Yours in Scouting,

Nicholas Viet D Nguyen
NVSC, Chair

MIKE SURBAUGH CHOSEN AS BSA'S 13TH CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Dear Scouting Family,

Wayne Brock, former Chief Scout Executive, retired in October, 2015. Brock was succeeded by Mike Surbaugh as the thirteenth CSE for the Boy Scouts of America.

Previously, Surbaugh served as a group director, a role he assumed in 2014. The following remarks are taken from a letter written by Dr. Robert Gates, recent past-president of the BSA, on choosing Surbaugh for the CSE position.

In his role as Group Director since 2014, Surbaugh has demonstrated a record of success and achievement in fundraising, membership and program development. He has developed numerous innovative programs designed to meet the needs of employees, volunteers and youth. In each assignment, he has also worked to extend Scouting's reach in disadvantaged communities, Native American outreach, and those with Special Needs.

The decision to name Mike as the 13th Chief Scout Executive involved an extensive review and selection process—a process of which involved many of you. For the past several months, we have been working with leaders from across the BSA network to get their thoughts on what qualities, attributes, and values are necessary to successfully lead our organization. We held several listening sessions and had many one-on-one conversations to gather insights that were used to inform our selection process.

In addition to considering all of the contributions from the Scouting family, the committee also conducted a thorough review process in order to determine the leader who fit the position. This was a thoughtful, serious, and careful process as we wanted to ensure the candidate selected properly leads and represents our organization.

We have great confidence that Mike will continue the legacy of leadership to solidify Scouting's role in the development of America's youth and to empower our volunteers to deliver the kind of life-changing experiences found only within Scouting. Please join me in welcoming Mike.

Yours in Scouting,

Dr. Robert M. Gates
National President



MICHAEL SURBAUGH



NEW VENTURING TRAINING CODES FOR YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting U has created three new training codes to support the youth training requirements of the Venturing program. Councils can now enter these training codes into the youth training record to track the completion of these modules. The new codes were chosen to be in sequence with the existing code of P35 for Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews.

The new codes are:

P36 Venturing Goal Setting/Time Management
P37 Venturing Project Management
P38 Venturing Mentoring

These new codes were effective 3/18/2016.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews Syllabus Update

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) is a course designed to introduce crew members to key leadership principles. The Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) course was created to help Venturers learn and practice the attitudes and skills effective leaders demonstrate. Practicing and mastering these skills within the crew will provide Venturers with positive leadership experiences in and outside the crew.

ILSC is a requirement for the Discovery Award in the Venturing program and is a prerequisite for Venturers to participate in the more advanced leadership courses like National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE).

Leadership skills included in this syllabus are:

- Creating a Vision
- Goal-Setting
- Communications
- Group Decision-Making
- Planning
- Delegating
- Team Development.

The course is designed to be done at the unit, district, or council level. The full course takes approximately six hours of instruction and can be done in segments as part of a crew meeting or as a part of a weekend outdoor experience.

To download the course go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/training/youth.aspx>



TÙNG NGUYỄN VIII



In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than a hundred thousand, and can be found in all corners of the world.

The objective of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. Six days in duration, the course covers leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest of team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

Participation in a Wood Badge Course will be a tremendous opportunity for you to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and in leading government organizations, and discover how those concepts that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team provides Scouting with renewed leadership to accomplish its mission.
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience and knowledge.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the peak experiences of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have affected the lives of millions of youth. About every three years, a special Wood Badge course is held as a National BSA Wood Badge course tailoring to the needs of Vietnamese Scouting in the US. Each Tùng Nguyễn is conducted using the BSA Wood Badge syllabus with many Vietnamese Scouting tradition flavors, along with a great opportunity for Vietnamese Scouting leaders to develop friendships and networks as a family.

This year, Wood Badge Course # 999-16, Tùng Nguyễn VIII, will be held at **Camp Maluhia, Maui, Hawaii**, on July 31, 2016, thru August 6, 2016. "Why Hawaii?" Explained Tùng Nguyễn VIII Course Director, Truong Alina Ly:

"In 2007/early 2008, my dad Hui Ly was asked to lead Tùng Nguyễn VI, set for 2009. Having earned his Wood Badge beads while he was with Aloha Council in 1982, he dreamed of running his course "back home" in Hawaii. But the economy fell in 2008, and in order to make the course financially accessible to the staff and participants, he changed the location to Virginia. A small sacrifice in the grand scheme of a successful Wood Badge course, but a sacrifice nonetheless. Coupled with the fact that Hawaii is the state of my birth, it

has become my dream to carry out the course that my dad had intended. So there was a story besides choosing Hawaii, not just because it is paradise. I thank you for being willing to spend the time and funds to make this shared father-daughter dream come true."

That also explained the beautiful and meaningful course logo.



The course also has made arrangements for staff, participants, and family to stay in the camp cabins from Saturday, August 6, to Thursday morning, August 11. For those who stay at the campgrounds, there will be a three-day guided tour offered, from August 7-9.

With that said, the staff are all excited with an opportunity to provide the participants the best course and a good time in Hawaii. The staff from all over the nation gathered in Orange County, California, to work together on the program from Friday, March 4, to Sunday, March 6. They worked hard, had a lot of fun together, and accomplished their objectives for this staff development weekend. Subsequently, smaller groups of staff continued to meet (physically and electronically) to prepare for this course. They all will gather together again three days before the course starts to ensure that everything is ready for the participants.

As of this writing, there are sixty (60) participants who registered for Tùng Nguyễn VIII and over thirty (30) course staff and instructors who are preparing to conduct this course. Meet some of Tùng Nguyễn VIII staff:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (lnguye03@yahoo.com) and/or our course director, Tr. Alina Lee (alinalceely@gmail.com).

YiS,
Lam Nguyen
Senior Patrol Leader
999-16

FIRST VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN BROTHERS EARN ALL AVAILABLE 138 MERIT BADGES

Fountain Valley, CA– Irvine residents, Koby and Ben Nguyen, have earned all of the available Boy Scout merit badges, a feat (according to meritbadgeknot.com) accomplished by fewer than 283 Boy Scouts since 1928. The two brothers became the first Vietnamese-Americans in the history of Boy Scouts of America to individually earn all 138 merit badges. “In the history of Boy Scouting, there have been about 52 million Boy Scouts,” said Lien Doan Chi Lang Charter Representative Ly Le. “It’s incredible to think that only 283 scouts have accomplished this feat to date, and to be the first Vietnamese-American Scouts to do so is admirable.”

Koby, currently a 16-year-old junior at Beckman High School, joined Cub Scout Pack 279 when he was eight years old and later earned his Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. He set his goal of earning all the merit badges as a way to learn new things and make new memories. “Every merit badge has a story behind it, and the process of earning merit badges allowed me to develop and learn what I wanted to do in life,” Koby said. “I was able to expand my knowledge and become more aware about the world around me.” Koby learned how to cook, communicate, and be a better citizen with each merit badge that he earned. His favorite merit badges were shotgun shooting, backpacking, cooking, camping, and hiking. “I enjoyed these merit badges because they were accomplished with my close Scout brothers. They have always supported me, and our bonds are built with memories of laughter, hardship, and brotherhood.”

The most challenging merit badge that Koby earned was backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. “It was five days of hiking, carrying fifty pounds, and eating from a bag for breakfast, lunch, and dinner,” Koby said. “By the end, I felt exhausted, but it was one of the greatest experiences of my life.”



Koby currently holds the position of Varsity Team Captain in Varsity Team 279. He also earned his Eagle Scout Rank in November 2015 as Lien Doan Chi Lang 71st Eagle Scout. Besides scouting, Koby is part of Beckman’s All-Male Dance Team.

Ben, currently a 14-year-old freshman at Beckman High School, joined Cub Scout Pack 279 when he was six years old and eventually earned his Arrow of Light. After he advanced to Boy Scout Troop 279, he earned his first merit badge, electricity, at the age of 10. After earning more merit badges, he set his goal of attaining all 138 merit badges when he was 11 years old because he “knew how rare it was to achieve all of them.” He understood how difficult this feat would be, but he was determined to accomplish this goal with his older brother Koby.

Ben shared that he learned a great deal along the way while earning all the merit badges. “Scouting taught me many things,” Ben said. “The most important thing I learned is life skill. Each merit badge was like an obstacle, and there were different ways to solve them.” His favorite merit badge was scuba diving because “of its journey of getting it.” Even though he was barely 12 years old, Ben dedicated countless hours over a five-month period in order to earn the PADI Certificate. He was determined to earn this merit badge even though the scuba diving tanks and equipment weighed almost as much as he weighed. Ben served as a patrol leader and is currently working on his Star Rank. He is also part of Beckman’s track team.

Ben and Koby are both part of Lien Doan Chi Lang multi-level Vietnamese-American scouting troop. Their individual accomplishment of achieving all 138 available merit badges represents a huge honor for Lien Doan Chi Lang as well as Boy Scouts of America.



MIỀN TÂY BẮC HOA KỲ

1 - Ngày 18 tháng 4, 2015: Trại Huấn luyện dự bị (BSA scout-master position specific) với 20-25 khóa sinh do các Trưởng gốc Việt tổ chức với sự chuẩn thuận của BSA qua văn phòng Châu.

2 - Ngày 5-7 tháng 6, 2015 một kỳ trại dành cho lứa tuổi từ 13-20 với sự tham dự của 50 trại sinh đến từ 5 liên đoàn, Trại được mang tên “Vươn Lên” được thử nghiệm lần đầu.

Ngày 20 tháng 6 năm 2015 Một chương trình thi đấu thể thao mang tên HDVN Olypmic Day được các Liên đoàn tổ chức hàng năm.

3 - 19 tháng 7, 2015 : Ngày Hướng Đạo Việt Nam vẫn được tổ chức hằng năm để các Liên đoàn sinh hoạt chung, năm nay có 7 Liên đoàn tham dự.

4 - 28-30 tháng 8, 2015 với sự công nhận của BSA, trại dành cho các Trưởng gốc Việt với 25-30 khóa sinh, một số khóa sinh đến từ Sacramento.

5 - Đêm Hội Ngộ Trưởng được tổ chức vào ngày 7 tháng 11, 2015, đây là lần thứ ba Hội Đồng Hướng Đạo tại San Jose thực hiện để các Trưởng cùng sinh hoạt chung, trao đổi kinh nghiệm qua nhiều đề tài, các vấn đề các đơn vị đã và đang xảy ra; sau cùng là sinh hoạt văn nghệ trước khi ra về.

6 - Tết 2016 : Lần đầu tiên, Hướng Đạo San Jose tổ chức đón Tết với sự tham dự của 6 Liên đoàn tại trường trung học Yerba Buena với các tiết mục : Múa Lân, trình diễn văn nghệ và buổi ăn Tết thật vui.



MIỀN TÂY NAM HOA KỲ

1 - Chào Cờ tại Hội Chợ Tết Sinh Viên: Tại khuôn viên Hội Chợ Tết kể Làng Việt Nam, Các Liên Đoàn Hướng Đạo đã cùng tập trung thực hiện buổi lễ chào cờ sau khi ban tổ chức khai mạc hội chợ, đây là một trong những chương trình do Hội Đồng Trung Ương đề xướng qua Miền Tây nam Hoa Kỳ thực hiện từ nhiều năm qua.

2 - Chào Cờ Đầu Năm : Vẫn tại Huntington Beach Park, ngày chủ nhật 21 tháng 2 năm 2016, 15 liên đoàn thuộc Miền Tây Nam Hoa Kỳ tề tựu cùng nhau chào cờ đầu năm, kỷ niệm sinh nhật Baden Powell và cùng sinh hoạt chung theo Ngành, các Trưởng Niên như Gia Đình Bách Hợp Nam Cali, Làng Quảng Tế, Làng Bách Hợp San Diego, Làng Vạn Kiếp đều góp mặt trong sinh hoạt này.

3 - Nghề Trưởng : Miền Tây Nam Hoa Kỳ đã và đang thực hiện một chương trình nhằm giúp các Trưởng trau dồi thêm kiến thức và kỹ năng nhằm hướng dẫn đơn vị đạt kết quả hơn, chương trình được mang tên “Nghề Trưởng” sẽ kéo dài trong nhiều tháng với 10 khóa bao gồm các đề tài : Lịch sử Phong trào, Phương pháp hàng đội tự trị, Tâm Lý Trẻ, Trò Chơi, Tinh Tâm Tuyên Hứa, Bài Hát, Cắm Trại, Lửa Trại, Vai Trò trách nhiệm Trưởng và Hướng Đạo-Gia Đình-Chính Trị.

Vào ngày 13 tháng 3 vừa qua, chương trình đã được thực hiện với sự hưởng ứng của nhiều liên đoàn và Trưởng, chương trình sẽ được tiếp tục trong tháng 5 này.

4 - Các Lễ Trao Đẳng Thứ : Nhằm khuyến khích các HDS thăng tiến trong chương trình sinh hoạt, các Liên đoàn đã thường xuyên tổ chức các buổi lễ trao đẳng thứ cho các em.



MIỀN TRUNG HOA KỲ

1 - Miền Trung Hoa kỳ hiện có những đơn vị sau đây: Liên đoàn La Vang, LĐ Pháp Luân, LĐ Lạc Việt, LĐ Đất Việt, LĐ La San, LĐ Mân Côi, Tráng đoàn Trường Sơn, Tráng đoàn Nguyễn Trãi (Toán Lam Sơn), Thanh đoàn Phê Rô, Làng Trường niên Houston, Làng Trường niên Dallas. Trưởng Miền là Trưởng Linda Lê. Số Trưởng và đoàn sinh khoảng 1,000

2. Lễ thượng kỳ đầu năm: Vào lúc 10 giờ sáng chủ nhật, 21 tháng 2 là Lễ chào cờ đầu năm quy tụ các đơn vị trong Miền được tổ chức tại Bear Creek Pionners Park thuộc khu tây bắc thành phố Houston. Trưởng ban điều hợp là Trưởng Nguyễn Cao Bình. Đây là lễ chào cờ truyền thống hàng năm trong dịp tết âm lịch để các em có dịp tham gia vào những lễ hội dân gian cổ truyền như tế tổ, chúc tết, mừng tuổi, lì xì, các trò chơi đẩy cây, nhảy bao, nhảy gậy, đi cà khêu, bói Kiều...cùng thưởng thức các món ăn ngày tết như bánh chưng, bánh tét, dưa hấu, mứt...Làng Trường niên Houston phụ trách phần tế tổ, Tráng đoàn Nguyễn Trãi phụ trách quầy Bói Kiều thu hút nhiều Trưởng và phụ huynh tham dự.

Dự buổi chào cờ đầu năm có Trưởng Võ Thành Nhân, chủ tịch BTV/HĐTU?HĐVN, Thượng tọa Thích Giác Đăng và một số quan khách và phụ huynh. Trưởng Võ Thành Nhân có lời chúc tết và trao tặng bằng khen cho các em HDS đạt Eagle Scout và Gold Award, đồng thời trao huy chương Bách Hợp cho Trưởng Vương Văn Thư (vắng mặt). Các lễ hội vui xuân chấm dứt vào lúc 3 giờ chiều cùng ngày

2. Lễ Tỉnh Tâm và Tuyên hứa: Tối ngày 20 tháng hai, Làng Trường niên Houston đã tổ chức Lễ Tỉnh Tâm cho hai Trưởng Vũ Ngọc Diệp và Lê Thị Ngọc Hạnh tại sân sau nhà của Trưởng Vũ Quý Nhận. Đến dự có Trưởng Võ Thành Nhân, Hoàng Kim Châu, Nguyễn Cao Bình và Nguyễn Tăng Bình (từ Dallas). Sáng hôm sau Lễ Tuyên Hứa được cử hành tại công viên Bear Creek Pionners .

3. Tiễn đưa Trưởng Nguyễn Đức Lập: Trưởng Nguyễn Đức Lập đã lìa rừng ngày 29 tháng 2 - 2016. Theo lời dặn của Trưởng Nguyễn Đức Lập là không tổ chức tang lễ nhưng hôm 3 tháng 3 một số Trưởng trong Miền từ Houston và Dallas đã đến nhà quàng để viếng lần cuối và tiễn đưa Trưởng Nguyễn Đức Lập tại thành phố Pearland.

4. Trại Tỉnh Tâm: Ngày 5 và 6 tháng 3 - 2016 trại Tỉnh Tâm dành cho Trưởng và HDS Công Công giáo được tổ chức tại khuôn viên của Dòng Tận Hiến, cách thành phố Houston khoảng 30 dặm về hướng tây bắc thành phố. Tham dự có các liên đoàn La Vang, Lạc Việt, Đất Việt và Mân Côi (thành lập năm 2014). Đây là Trại Tỉnh Tâm được tổ chức hàng năm cho các đơn vị nói trên.

5. Chuẩn bị cho trại Giữ Vững XX năm 2016: Được biết vào cuối tháng 3 - 2016 sẽ có một buổi họp Trưởng trong Miền để thảo luận về việc tổ chức trại Họp Bạn Miền Trung Hoa Kỳ lần thứ 20 sẽ diễn ra vào tuần lễ thứ ba của tháng 11 -2016. Năm nay trại được tổ chức tại Lake Houston và do liên đoàn Pháp Luân nhận trách nhiệm điều hợp tổ chức trại.



TRẠI KHAI PHÁ III - Camp Chief Named

Katrina Huynh has been part of the Scouting program since she was nine years old, beginning as a Junior Girl Scout. As she got older, she became involved with Venturing Crew 222 and progressed through the program earning her Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards, respectively. Through her participation in the crew, she served in many of the key officer roles such as secretary, treasurer, and vice president, and earned accolades within her unit for her dedication.

Katrina transitioned into adult roles once she turned 21, and is serving as the associate advisor for her crew and has participated as staff for several regional, national, and international events. She assisted in the Boy Scout/Girl Scout sub-camp program at Thang Tien 9, International Scouting Jamboree, and program staff for the first National Vietnamese Venturing Supercamp in 2012. Recently, she has served in more critical roles at Thang Thien 10, International Vietnamese Jamboree, with program as well as the most recent National Vietnamese Venturing Supercamp this past summer at Rancho Alegre, Santa Barbara, California, as one of the program chairs. At the Supercamp, she also used her skills as a pediatric intensive care nurse and served as a medic for both of these events, proving that she can multitask critical roles and delegate necessary action items. Locally, she still coordinates camps for her home unit and is currently on the planning committee to host her unit's 30th anniversary camp, inviting several hundred scouts to participate in a weekend of program for all levels of Scouting.



UPDATED INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS) SYLLABUS

Scouting U has just released an updated version of the syllabus for Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. The new version of the syllabus increases the use of the Patrol Method throughout the instructional methodology to model the Patrol Method for participants. In addition, the following revisions have been made:

- Edited for electronic viewing and printing
- Advancement requirement updated to match the 2016 program updates
- Course was shortened to 1½ days with two suggested agendas
- First Aid was deleted (encourage participants to take a First Aid certification course in its place)
- Leave No Trace was replaced with Outdoor Ethics including TREAD Lightly.
- New emphasis on how to teach Scouts outdoor skills.

The new syllabus can be downloaded at
<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>

Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

- Robert Baden Powell

*The National Vietnamese Scouting Committee
of the Boy Scouts of America Presents:*

TRẠI KHAI PHÁ 3

Venturing Supercamp

July 9-15, 2017



Is your crew up
for an
adventure?

July 9-15, 2017

For a week of
great activities
at camp
Emerald Bay on
Catalina Island!

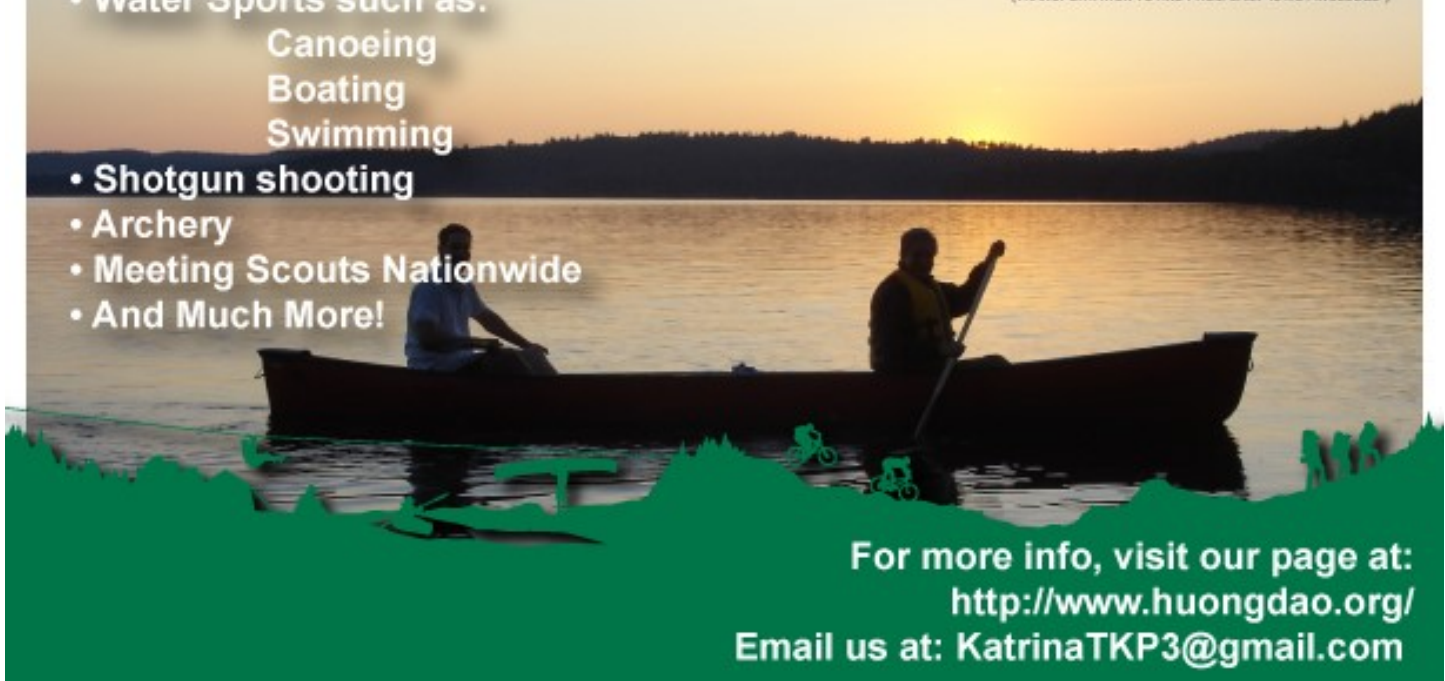


A WEEK FULL OF:

- Water Sports such as:
 - Canoeing
 - Boating
 - Swimming
- Shotgun shooting
- Archery
- Meeting Scouts Nationwide
- And Much More!

Enjoy this full week, with
food and activities included!

(TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM CAMP IS NOT INCLUDED)



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