



# NORTH STAR MUSEUM

## BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

### Museum News

April 2010

#### ***Don't Miss the Centennial Celebration!!!***

Here is an event Scouts and Scouters of all ages will not want to miss! On April 24 and 25 the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting in style. Come experience our spectacular, fun event, including the opening of a new exhibit on the history of Scouting, a puppet parade with a Cub Scout band, a visit from Lord Baden-Powell, demonstrations, creation of a time capsule, and FOOD. The celebration runs from 10-5 on Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday.

Our new exhibit, A Century of Scouting, tells the national and regional story of the BSA. Discover the vital role our region has played in the development of Scouting and learn the stories of the people who made Scouting go. Pictures, documents, and artifacts help tell the stories of Scouts, jamborees, leaders, and programs. Hey, who really invented the Pinewood Derby and when? What you see at the Museum on April 24-25 will be the core of a traveling exhibit that will be available to county history museums throughout the region later this year.

Whether you visit the Museum on April 24-25 alone or with your Scouting unit, there will be a number of ways to participate in the celebration. Your unit can attend the event and take part in the fun as a group or as individuals and families. Participate in the Saturday afternoon parade and contribute to the time capsule. Either way, you and your unit can be part of history.

On each day of the event, we will have a special guest. On Saturday afternoon, our special guest will be Dave Kenney, author of *Honor Bright: A Century of Scouting in Northern Star Council*. Nominated for a Minnesota Book Award, you  
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#### ***GREET OUR SPECIAL GUEST AT THE CELEBRATION***

We will have a special guest on hand between noon and 5:00 on April 25, 2010, the second day of the Museum's Boy Scout Centennial event. Yes, BP, Lord Baden-Powell himself, will be "in the house." Our BP is none other than Silver Buffalo recipient, Dr. Hal Yocum.

Dr. Yocum lives in Oklahoma, where he is a nationally recognized hand surgeon. As a Scout, Dr. Yocum earned his Eagle with twelve palms. As an adult Scouter, Dr. Yocum has received most of the significant local and national awards offered by the BSA. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver, Antelope and Buffalo awards. **Continued on Page 2.**



**Dr. Hal Yocum as Baden-Powell mesmerizes a young Cub Scout**

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will be able to both buy the book and get it autographed by the author during your visit to the Museum.

On Sunday afternoon our special guest will be none other than Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, portrayed by Dr. Hal Yocum. Dr. Yocum is a nationally known Scouter and recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award. You will definitely want to take the time to meet both the character Baden-Powell and the Scouter Hal Yocum. Look for a profile of Dr. Yocum in this issue of Museum News.

But, there is so much more! Our celebration offers participatory demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, a giant birthday card to sign, and, of course, did we mention FOOD. Come enjoy a chocolada, a delicious alternative to the s'more.

Admission to the event is free but your donations will be gladly accepted. For more information contact us at 651-748-2880. The Museum is located in North St. Paul, 2640 Seventh Ave. E. See the webpage, [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org) for a map and details about this program and other Museum activities, programs and volunteer opportunities.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE  
CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

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He also received the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award. Most notably, Dr. Yocum was recognized with the BSA Heroism award. Today, Dr. Yocum is both on the board of his local Last Frontier Council and is a representative to the national BSA Council.

In his "spare time", Dr. Yocum has spent the last 30 years travelling the country portraying the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell. He says he grew into the Baden-Powell role as he got older and began looking more and more like the founder of Scouting. A serious collector, Dr. Yocum has studied what Baden-Powell wore at his public appearances and he has assembled uniforms to match. Thus, depending on the event and the weather, Dr. Yocum will wear what BP would have worn to the occasion. You will not want to miss seeing BP at the Museum's BSA Centennial celebration!



Robert Baden-Powell (seen here in a 1929 painting by David Jagger) formally launched the Scouting movement in 1908 with the publication of *Scouting for Boys* (photo used by permission of the Boy Scouts of America).

## ***THE SKUNK REUNION IS COMING***

For a walk down memory lane, save Tuesday, June 1, 2010 for this year's Skunk Reunion. The annual reunion of this most odoriferous organization will take place at the Fred C. Andersen Camp's Good Medicine Lodge where so many earlier reunions have been held. Gathering is at 5:30 P.M. with dinner at 6:30 P.M and a historic program to follow. The cost will be \$12.

We would like to see you, but we also want to see your friends in Scouting. Anyone who has been a volunteer Scouter for 15 years or more and who is a member of the North Star Museum is a Skunk, whether they know it or not. Please encourage your friends who meet the volunteer years requirement to both join the Museum and join you for this year's Skunk Reunion.

We are also taking nominations for Skunk of the Year at this time. The nomination form appears on page 4 in this issue of Museum News. Last year's recipient was none other than Roy Nauertz. Please take the time to nominate another outstanding Skunk for the award.



**The February Museum News recognized the volunteerism of Joan Henry but we neglected to include her picture. Here she is doing what she loves--working on the Museum's Girl Scout exhibit.**

## ***FROM THE DIRECTOR***

February, the official Boy Scout Centennial month, was extremely busy, but very gratifying. We had a presence at eleven Blue and Gold or Troop/District Centennial events and hosted two big events ourselves: our first-ever Blue and Gold Dinner and a Boy Scout Centennial birthday party on February 7. During that time, more than 1800 people got to experience a little bit of Boy Scout history first hand. Our "Museum without Walls" program lived up to its name as we displayed in places as diverse as Hopkins, Mahtomedi, Farmington, and Northfield, with a lot of other places in between.

This first-hand opportunity to see some of Scouting's past was a new experience for many people who came out to these events. Generally, Boy Scouting (and Girl Scouting) are not backward-looking organizations—their concern is with the kids in front of them, and their futures. But it doesn't hurt, occasionally, to look behind you and assess where you have been. History informs our present by showing us how we have arrived at the point we are at. That path, through thickets of almost infinite choice, roadblocks, and great opportunity, helps us figure out how to move forward—what worked in the past, what did not work, and the power of many dedicated individuals, all pursuing the same end.

The North Star Museum holds the secrets and successes of the past, and we try to reveal them to you every time you visit. In the future, I hope to be able to report more frequently through our website on some of the discoveries that we are making.

In order to do our work, however, we need your support in big and small ways. Please help us preserve the past so you can get a better view of how you arrived at your current place, and so you can figure out your next steps, both individually, and as organizations.

Claudia Nicholson

# Skunk of the Year Nomination Form



## Nomination for Skunk of the Year due by May 1, 2010

### Section One:

**Award Criteria:** This award is presented to a person who has been affiliated with Boy or Girl Scouting or the North Star Museum for at least 15 years, and is a current member of the museum.

<b>CANDIDATE/</b> <b>Name of individual being nominated:</b> _____ <b>Current museum member? Yes / No</b> <b>Registered member of Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts? Yes / No</b> <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone number:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____
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<b>Nominator's name:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone number:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____ <b>Best time to reach you:</b> _____
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### Section Two:

Please provide a statement of support for the individual being nominated. The statement should address the award criteria and this individual should receive this award. Include tenure with the museum, special or extraordinary things done during the year, other Boy Scout/Girl Scout activities he/she may be involved with, and the amount of time spent on museum activities. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

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### Section Three: (optional)

Attach a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination from a person other than yourself. This person may be a museum member, Boy Scout or Girl Scout, adult volunteer in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting, or someone else who knows of the individual's contributions.

**Nominator's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail nominations to:

Selections Committee  
North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting  
2640 E. Seventh Avenue  
North St. Paul, MN 55109  
This form can also be downloaded from: [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org)

# RECENT HAPPENINGS AT THE MUSEUM



**On February 7, the group pictured above gathered at the Museum to wish the Boy Scouts of America a happy 100th birthday.**



**On February 20, John Guthmann taught Citizenship in the World to 23 eager Scouts. Originally planned for up to 15 boys, registration was expanded to meet demand. Boys came from as far as Montgomery, MN.**



**On March 20, the Museum hosted a reception for the family and friends of Father Tim Vakoc. Pictured above is the new and improved Father Tim display that was completed in time for the event.**



**Three of the 43 persons who attended the Father Tim reception on March 20 are pictured above. From left to right are Father Tim's mother Phyllis Vakoc, Father Tim's close friend John Morris (State Chaplin of the Minnesota National Guard) and Father Tim's sister Anita Brand.**



***DONATE ONLINE THROUGH GIVEMN.ORG***

The North Star Museum has signed up to participate in the GiveMN.org online fundraising webportal. We have several pages on its web site and we successfully participated in the Give to the Max 24-hour campaign last November.

GiveMN.org is a non-profit that makes it easier and less expensive for non-profits to raise funds. The foundations supporting GiveMN.org are picking up the costs of processing credit card transactions for us, so 100% of your donation through this site would come to the Museum. If you would like to give to the Museum online, simply look for GiveMN.org. Thank you for supporting the Museum!

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