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Fond Farewell to Fort A.P. Hill

When the buses began arriving at Fort A.P. Hill, just outside of Washington, D.C., on Monday morning, July 26, they delivered 45,000 Boy Scouts to the 2010 Jamboree. Almost 9,000 adult staff and volunteers were already there ready and waiting for them. That included 10 Lutheran chaplains, 11 staffers for the NLAS Lutheran exhibit and many more NLAS members serving in various roles and positions throughout the Jamboree.



Throughout the 10 long days during the Jamboree Scouts could earn

rocker patches for their uniform by visiting different program areas and participating in various activities. For many Lutheran youth this meant a trip to the NLAS exhibit and attending the Sunday morning worship service for their faith. By doing this and other items they could earn the "Duty to God" patch.

This was the eighth and final Jamboree to be held at Fort A.P. Hill. Beginning in 2013 the Jamboree will move to a new site in West Virginia.

A Scout is Reverent: 2010 National Jamboree Lutheran Worship

For Rev. Sherman Martell, head Lutheran chaplain of the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree, the morning of Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010, began on an ominous note. Heavy rains and strong winds had moved into the Jamboree site overnight and now, as he rose before dawn to prepare for the 9 a.m. Sunday Lutheran worship service he had a few concerns. A crowd of almost 5,000 would soon be arriving at the outdoor location at the Heth area across the street from Jamboree Headquarters. If the bad weather persisted, the service would have to be canceled or at the very least moved indoors to a much smaller location. With many of the Scouts walking three miles or more to travel to the worship site one could only imagine



Lost and Found's George Baum leads Scouts in the worship prelude. After a night of heavy rains, the morning sun broke through the clouds as the service began.

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NLAS Lutheran Exhibit Attracts Youth, Adults



Busy time at the booth. Groups of Scouts stop by to have their “Jamboree Passport Books” stamped by NLAS staffers. By completing several tasks at the Jamboree one could earn the Duty to God rocker accessory patch.

The NLAS Lutheran exhibit for the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree celebrated a long history of Scouting programs being part of the ministry of Lutheran churches. Since 1926, Lutheran congregations have been apprised by their national church bodies about the benefits of Scouting to youth and the congregations that provide it. This was best illustrated by the large backdrop for the exhibit that included a Scout from the last century and a modern portrait of a Venture Scout from today. Also, there were large illustrations of both the youth PRAY emblems and the adult Lamb and Servant of Youth recognitions.

Visitors to the booth, located in the National Exhibits area, were greeted by NLAS staffers who shared information on both youth and adult Lutheran emblems and awards and NLAS information. In addition, pamphlets titled “What Lutherans Believe” were provided by the

Lutheran Hour for visitors who wanted to learn more about the Lutheran faith. Activities included learning how to tie knots and make a cross out of



Promotional items included: NLAS cricket “clickers,” NLAS and Davey & Goliath buttons, a rope cross, and Grace at Meals resource pamphlet for Chaplain’s Aides.

rope. A handout of “Grace Prayers” for all occasions was provided to Scouts serving as chaplain aides.

The most sought after item was the special NLAS “crickets” or “clickers” given away to young and old alike. By the third day one could find the noisy trinkets being played enthusiastically by Scouts everywhere.

Davey and Goliath, characters from the old TV show syndicated in the sixties and now a media property of the ELCA, made special appearances on Tuesday and Friday morning. The typical response from visitors was, “I used to watch you guys every Sunday morning while my family got ready for church!”

The exhibit stayed busy all week as Scouts dropped by to have NLAS staffers stamp their “passport book” with Luther’s seal to help them earn the *Duty to God* rocker patch.

—Trent Christian



Rev. Sherman Martell

The 12th Point

Take nine Lutheran pastors from all over the United States. Bring them together to be part of the Lutheran Chaplaincy team at the 2010 BSA Jamboree and what do you get? Amazing ministry and grace-filled care took place for a congregation of 43,000. For 14 days the Lutheran chaplaincy team conducted worship services at the Jamboree, did a lot of counseling, assisted with crisis and death back home, mediated in conflicted situations, worked with homesick boys, greeted troops as they arrived, visited troops in the subcamps, worked with subcamp leadership and staff, helped with the religious rocker program and a hundred other things. The Lutheran chaplains—on behalf of the Lutheran churches — said to Scouts and Scouters, leaders and boys, we care about you.

Have you ever wanted a miracle to happen? As it says in Luke 1:37, “*For nothing will be impossible with God.*” The staff for the West Jamboree Scuba Diving and Snorkeling pools were housed and fed in Subcamp 14. These staff members were

concerned about the time for breakfast. They were hoping for it to be a bit earlier. It was the aquatic staff’s hope to get to the pools earlier and provide some individual instruction for youth with disabilities. The Subcamp Dining Hall staff graciously rearranged their schedule to help the “waterfront” staff.

One of the Scouts with cystic fibrosis who attended the Jamboree had never stood in his life. The “waterfront” staff figured a way for this young man to be lifted in his wheelchair to one of the pool decks. He was helped into the pool and for the first time in his life he stood. Miracles happen at the Jamboree, not the kind that will grab headlines in the news media. But for one boy at the Jamboree his life will never be the same. He discovered that nothing is impossible.

—Pastor Sherman Martell,
Lutheran Headquarters Chaplain 2010
National Jamboree

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their disappointment.

It had been a long night for NLAS staffers Ron Adolphi and Erik Paulson too. Our guest musicians, George Baum and Michael Bridges of the musical group *Lost and Found*, had flown into Richmond from Atlanta on the red eye flight late Saturday night. Ron had picked them up and taken them back to the hotel for a short night’s sleep before the big day. They all had to be at the Fort A.P. Hill gate by 7 a.m. for clearance by the military before entering the Jamboree.

When other NLAS staffers and chaplains began arriving just after dawn to prepare the area, the rain faded and then stopped. The sun began to break through the overcast skies. Michael and George appeared and began warming up their instruments and voices. Along with them were special guests Mark and Beth

Kiessling from the LCMS National Youth Ministries office. They had made the trip from St. Louis just to be part of this day. A beautiful morning was unfolding.

*This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

As the crowd of eager Scouts and their leaders were coming down the hillside, George and Michael began playing a prelude of songs welcoming them to worship. After opening announcements Chaplain Gene Stuckey invited everyone to “greet your neighbor!” and Chaplain Robert Lewis gave the call to worship. Chaplain Stuckey then proceeded to the Confession. Chaplain Rob Argot led a responsive reading and Chaplains Wendell Stavig and Chris Anderson gave the first and second readings. (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Colossians 3:1-11*) The Gospel lesson (*Luke 12:13-21*) and sermon were presented by Head Chaplain Martell. As one took in the panoramic view, Scouts filled the hillside and stretched down the shoulder of the road on top. Across the street worshippers gathered on the lawn in front of

Jamboree Headquarters enjoying the message and music. It was an awesome sight!

Everyone joined Chaplain Rick Schneider in reciting the Affirmation of Faith and Chaplain Mike Murschel led the Prayers of the Community followed by the Lord’s Prayer. Chaplain Joe Eckman, who had preached the sermon the previous Sunday for the small staff worship, led a Scout Litany. Finally, Chaplain Lewis gave the benediction.

Hymns and songs led by *Lost and Found* included “Remember,” “Lions” (the slinky song), “Raise Him Up,” “New Creation” and an up-tempo rendition of “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” An offering of more than \$3,000 was collected for the Chaplaincy fund.

Acknowledgements and thanks went out to NLAS, Trent Christian, NLAS President; Charles Dahlquist, Chaplain Services Chairman; Rabbi Peter Hyman, Vice Chairman and Sub Camp Co-coordinator; and David Pack, BSA Professional Advisor to the Jamboree Chaplaincy Committee.



Scouts and Scouters attend the Sunday worship service.



Head Lutheran Chaplain Sherm Martell with Lost and Found.



Michael and George from Lost and Found joined Boy Scouts at the shooting range.



Kimiko Krieger teaches Don York (BSA National Office retired) how to tie a rope cross.



Beth and Mark Kiessler from LCMS National Office attended the worship service.



Worship service on August 1.



Poster announcing the Lutheran Worship Service and NLAS sponsored concerts



NLAS President Cole Petersen and National Secretary Mary Wangerin with Davey and Goliath (Trent and Terri Christian).



Erik Paulson,
NLAS Jamboree Exhibit Chair

“Thanks, Erik, for leading the charge... We rocked the house! We were a great team, and we had a lot of fun... It was a great Jamboree. Thanks for the memories.”

*— Cole Petersen,
NLAS President*



Lost and Found performing at the Jamboree

*Photos by: Erik Paulson
and Trent Christian*

Jamboree Notes

BSA There always seems to be a lot of walking when one attends a Jamboree at A.P. Hill. Longtime NLAS member Herbert De Walt says the early days were no different. Herb grew up just outside of Washington, D.C., and attended the first Jamboree in 1937 as a young Scout. He walked 16 miles each day from his home to the Jamboree site on the Mall and back again.

BSA NLAS Treasurer Ron Adolphi was charged with making arrangements to pick up and transport our special guests and VIPs into the Jamboree on Sunday morning. Being a precise and detailed kind of guy (and a retired Army colonel), he sent them a message asking for their flight and travel information “for planning and execution purposes.” *Lost and Found’s* Michael Bridges responded, “We will be on Delta Airlines flight 1096 from Atlanta to Richmond arriving at 11:20 p.m. Saturday night... though after seeing

Ron’s note, for execution purposes, I’m not so sure I should be sharing it!”

BSA On Tuesday evening, the second day Scouts were in camp, one NLAS staffer received a phone call from the Scoutmaster of her sons’ local council troop. “Mrs. Christian?” Her heart sank as she thought either one was sick or in trouble. “I just thought you might want to hear what camp sounds like tonight.” At that point the phone resounded with a chorus of NLAS clickers! “Thanks a lot!” he groaned.

BSA After the worship service Sunday morning Mark and Beth Kiessling, along with George and Michael, were invited to a VIP reception across the street hosted by BSA at the Jamboree Headquarters. As they were introduced to Charles Dahlquist, Head Jamboree Chaplain, he enthusiastically remarked, “Lost and Found... that’s a great name for a Christian rock

band.” Michael replied, “Yes, each time we play a concert at a church they always have a box of stuff for us to take home!”

BSA Speaking of the Jamboree Headquarters, there was a lost and found office located inside. Of course, visitors could go there if they lost a personal item and hopefully find it. At the entrance NLAS posted a sign declaring: THE REAL LOST AND FOUND WILL BE HERE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, AT THE LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERVICE ACROSS THE STREET.

BSA After a long run at Fort A.P. Hill the next National Boy Scout Jamboree will move to a new site in 2013. The old fort has hosted every Jamboree since 1981 and NLAS Exhibit Chair Erik Paulson has been there for most of them. He also attended the largest Jamboree as a youth in ’73 at Farragut State Park in Idaho. That was the only Jamboree that had both an east and west site, the east site being in Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania.

A Scout is Trustworthy

“Smart Bracelets” were the new, fast way for Scouts to purchase souvenirs and concessions at the Jamboree. The small waterproof bracelets worn on the wrist could be used at all the Trading Posts and would debit the purchase amount from parents’ accounts when presented at the register by their Scout. It was an easy way to avoid sending cash.

However, one Scout was disappointed to find out that his smart bracelet could not be used to purchase

the latest CD from *Lost and Found*. He and other Scouts had gathered around George and Michael after the group’s evening concert on the Central Region stage. They were signing autographs and their latest CD could be purchased. The boy proclaimed, “This concert and the worship service this morning have been the best part of the Jamboree!”

Overhearing his disappointment and dilemma, NLAS staffer Terri Christian offered to loan the Scout the \$10 for a CD. She did not know this

boy but was impressed by his politeness and sincerity. After some hesitation he accepted her offer with the qualification that he would purchase something of equal value for her from the Trading Post with his bracelet.

Two days later a Scout showed up at the NLAS exhibit looking for “Mrs. Christian.” In his hand he had two sets of special 2010 Jamboree shoulder tabs purchased from the Trading Post. He had made the two-mile trek down to the National Exhibits area to fulfill a promise.

Krieger Provides Venturing Presence at Lutheran Exhibit

For the first time in our history a Venturing Scout served on the NLAS Jamboree staff. Kimiko Krieger, who attends Christ our Savior Lutheran Church in Griffin, Ga., enjoyed greeting Scouts and visitors at the Lutheran Exhibit. She also was much sought out by Scouts and leaders alike to teach them how to tie a rope cross. The 18-year-old presently serves as the secretary for Venture Crew 11 and will attend Howard University this fall. Her favorite activity at the Jamboree was repelling off the 40-foot tower located in the Action Areas.



Rope Crosses: A Fun, Quick Activity



One popular pastime for visitors to the NLAS Exhibit was learning to tie a cross out of an 18-inch long piece of rope. The quick and easy task was the idea of exhibit staffer Chris Grulke. Multicolors of rope were provided through a grant from her local Thrivent chapter back home. Visitors were given a rope cross or could learn to tie the knots and make their own. Not surprising, most of the Scouts chose to do the later. The rope cross was then worn on their uniform at the right shirt pocket. Chris is from Tolland, Conn., and all three of her sons and her husband David also attended the Jamboree as part of their local council contingent.

Exhibit Model Visits NLAS Booth



The large backdrop for the NLAS Lutheran Exhibit included a black and white photo of a Scout from early last century and a modern portrait of a female Venture Scout. On Monday afternoon, Aug. 2, visitors had the chance to meet the “girl in the photo” as Robyn Knoll and her family dropped by the booth. Robyn was working at the Jamboree staffing International Exhibits. The photo used for our backdrop was taken in 2005 when Robyn served as the Venturing President of the Western Region. When the booth design was coming together, we couldn’t think of a better way to celebrate Scouting as it moves into its second century.

Robyn and her family are long-time NLAS members and live in Glendale, Ariz. She has served also as a ranger and guide on staff at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

NLAS Jamboree Exhibit Staff



(Back Row) Ron Adolphi, Alexandria, Va.; Cole Petersen, Burnsville, Minn.; Mary Wangerin, Savage, Minn.; Erik Paulson, Bellevue, Wash.; Wayne Stuckey, Stykesville, Md.; James Hoke, Lincoln, Neb.; (Front row) Chris Grulke, Tolland, Conn.; Trent Christian, McDonough, Ga.; Terri Christian, McDonough, Ga.; Kimiko Krieger, Jonesboro, Ga.; Dick Wertz, N.M.

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Shirley Martin Memorial Fund

Many people were involved in making the 2010 Jamboree a success and memorable event for Lutheran Scouting but none more than NLAS Life Member Charles Martin. A few years ago Charles donated a large gift

to NLAS as a memorial to his late wife Shirley but he asked that this gift be used for programs for the youth in Scouting and not the general fund. In deference to his wish, the Executive Board, working with the NLAS

Jamboree staff and head chaplain, was able to bring *Lost and Found* to the Jamboree and purchase 5,000 special Jamboree "cricket-clickers" to give away to Scouts at our exhibit. Thank you, Charles, and God's blessings.



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