



# 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey*

Date: March 25, 2008

To: Scout Executives

From: Bob Mersereau, director 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration project

Subject: Detroit Area Council "A Century of Values" anniversary celebration project

CC: Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Area Directors, Wayne Brock, Willie Iles, Stephen Medicott, Norman Burkhalter

## **Background:**

The BSA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration vision was shared by our Chief, Bob Mazzuca, in his closing dinner speech at the 2007 Top Hands Conference. His presentation ignited energy and imagination for the many ways this celebration can help achieve organizational goals at all levels. Anniversary materials provided at Top Hands, and at the 2008 Anniversary Planning Workshops for Local Councils, helped councils begin and/or build upon their local anniversary celebration plans.

The Detroit Area Council in Detroit, Michigan, is an example of one council that began planning a unique anniversary celebration fellowship activity some time ago as part of their celebration plan. Since this particular activity will reach beyond their council territory, Scout Executive Rick Williamson asked that I provide this letter of introduction to all councils.

## **Details:**

The Detroit Area Council's "A Century of Values" committee has commissioned a 24-by-36-inch painting depicting the history of the BSA over its first 100 years. The framed painting will be autographed by artist Bill Morrison. An Eagle Scout, Morrison has been working on this unofficial centennial artwork for over three years now.

In the spirit of Scouting fellowship, committee members are planning a nationwide road trip to visit every council in America and present a numbered copy of this painting. The final stop on their nationwide tour will be the BSA national office, where the original painting will be donated to the art collection at the National Scouting Museum.

The committee is now ready to complete their plans for their travels around the country.

## **Action:**

Scout Executive Rick Williamson will send additional details, including an invitation for your council to receive a visit and copy of this painting.

Please share this information with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary staff adviser and volunteer chairman of your council to determine if a visit from the Detroit Area Council's A Century of Values committee can fit into your council anniversary celebration plans.