

SCOUTING AT THE FJCC

Hello FJCC parents. Are your children looking for something fun to do? Would they enjoy having some adventure? Then look no further, it has already arrived here at the FJCC. If you have a son, 6 to 21 years of age or a daughter, 14 to 21 and you are looking for a fun Jewish experience, then consider signing them up for scouting at the FJCC. We are about to start our second year of Shomer Shabbos cub scouting for boys ages 6 through 10 years old. We would like to expand to provide a Shomer Shabbos scouting experience for older youth.

Last year was a lot of fun and this year should be even better. We are planning to start a traditional Boy Scout Troop or a Co-ed Scout program depending on local interest. For those who are considering joining scouting it is important to keep in mind that now is the time if they plan to attend the national jamboree in 2010. Every four years the BSA conducts a National Boy Scout Jamboree near our nation's capital. Approximately 50,000 scouts from around the United States attend and participate in special activities for a week of fun and excitement at Fort AP Hill. The 2010 Jamboree is expected to be the greatest yet as it will be Boy Scout's one hundredth anniversary celebration.

If you already have a Scout in your family this is an excellent opportunity to associate with a Shomer Shabbos Troop at the one hundredth anniversary BSA National Jamboree. We are planning to have a meeting to share information with parents and youth about the scouting program. Its theme will be decided by its youth membership.

So, if you think you would enjoy high adventure activities such as boating, mountain climbing, mountain biking, caving, sailing or scuba diving to name just a few come to the FJCC on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:30 PM or call and let us, the Kaplan family, know at 908-730-8625. Adult volunteers are very much in need to help support these programs. Please speak to the Kaplan's or Rabbi Jaffe if you are willing and able to help.

Members can choose among the following programs:

- Venture Crew: Typically high adventure coed program for ages 14 to 21 with emphasis on just having fun. Expert consultants provide all training and supervise activities to ensure program quality and safety.
- Venture Post: Similar to a crew but for male youth 10 to 18 years of age.
- Varsity scouts: A program built on sports and athletics.
- Explorers: Coed career exploration program developed around a common career interest for scouts ages 10 to 18 years of age.
Common examples are: Aviation
Law Enforcement
Medicine / paramedic / EMT
Etc. The scouts/ members decide on their theme
- Boy Scouts: The traditional achievement oriented scouting program with a focus on fun with skill and confidence building. Scouts ages 10 to 18 enjoy a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities.
- Rangers: Coed program for ages 14 to 21 with emphasis on camping and high adventure activities. The Ranger program is for those who choose to become expert in high adventure activities.
- Sea Scouts: Coed program for ages 14 to 21 with emphasis on sailing, seamanship, and life skills as well as oceanfront camping. Our closest sea scout crew is sponsored by a Perth Amboy yacht club. It's members swim, sail, kayak and camp on the New Jersey shore.
- OA: Youth honor society.

My son/daughter _____, age _____, is interested in joining scouting.

He/She is interested in the following program:

- Venture Crew _____
- Venture Post _____
- Varsity Scouts _____
- Explorers _____
- Boy Scouts _____
- Rangers _____
- Sea Scouts _____
- Cub Scouts _____

Contact information: Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

I am willing to assist with the program. Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____
