

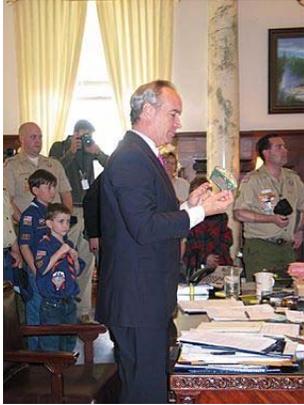
Idaho's 2006 Report to the Governor



Meeting with Idaho's erstwhile Governor, Dirk Kempthorne, was always a lot of fun. We Scouts affectionately called him the Governor of a Million Questions, because he was SO interested in Scouting and youth that he always had a question to ask each person present. Every Scout left his office feeling welcome and appreciated. The ceremony was always a happy one, with many laughs. We will no longer be presenting our report to Governor Kempthorne, as he is now United States Secretary of Interior Kempthorne.

The Scouts in Idaho thank him for eight years of support. Here are some photos from his last Report to the Governor, featuring Scouts from Ore-Ida, Grand Teton and Snake River Councils. Following the photos is the Snake River Council 2006 Report to the Governor, provided as a sample.

--Amy



Idaho's Governor accepting a Council Shoulder Patch



Snake River Council with Governor Kempthorne



Governor Kempthorne presenting a heroism award to a Cub Scout



Ore-Ida Council TLC Officers with Governor Kempthorne



Grand Teton Council with Governor Kempthorne

HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Each youth should be in uniform, holding their note card(s). Venturer #1 should use the copy of the entire program (instead of note cards) in case there is a need to assist the younger Scouts during the presentation. Tiger Cub should carry a copy of Boys Life; Cub Scout should carry a copy of Scouting. Boy Scout should carry the patch.

The Snake River Council's Report to the Governor, 2006

(Line up in this order: Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer #2, Venturer #1. Move forward in the line when Snake River Council's turn is announced. Follow Venturer #1's lead.)

VENTURER #1: Governor Kempthorne, the Snake River Council is honored to have this opportunity to present our report to you today. Representing our council are Tiger Cub _____, Cub Scout _____, Boy Scout _____, Varsity Scout _____ and Venturing Scout _____. My name is _____ and I am a Venturer. *(Each Scout should make eye contact with the Governor, take one step forward, salute, and take one step back as they are introduced.)*

TIGER CUB: The Snake River Council has 5,201 boys and girls participating in various programs of Scouting including the Learning for Life programs.

CUB SCOUT: Geographically the Snake River covers South Central Idaho from Bliss to Stanley and from Raft River to Grouse Creek, Utah and it is divided into five districts.

VENTURER #2: Over 75,000 service hours have been performed by Scouts of the Snake River Council, including Eagle service projects, Scouting for food, adopt a highway and individual unit service projects. Seven adult volunteers and one youth from the Snake River Council will receive the Presidential Service Award Gold Medals in March at our Council Recognition Dinner. We logged over 1778 hours for Good Turn for America.

VARSITY SCOUT: Last year 234 Webelos were awarded the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award, while 186 Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle and 10 young adults earned Venturing's bronze awards. Scouts earned a total of 6,150 individual merit badges.

BOY SCOUT: Cub Scouts in the Snake River Council have had a great year. In addition to our pinewood derbies, day camps & Scout-a-ramas, our Cub Scouts lined the streets of Twin Falls to greet racers during the largest antique car rally in the nation, the Great Race. Scouts contributed to the declaration of Twin Falls as the 2005 Great American Overnight City, with its prize of \$10,000 presented to the Twin Falls library.

VENTURER #2: Snake River Council's Boy Scouting program was strong in 2005. We participated in Klondike derbies, merit badge midways and Camp-o-rees. We had many excellent Eagle Projects this year, but I would like to highlight an outstanding one. Eagle Scout _____ of Venturing Crew _____ learned that the toxic tamarisk tree, a salt cedar, was invading the islands of the Snake River Canyon near Twin Falls. If unchecked, only 1 or 2 species of birds would be able to live in what is now the habitat of between 300 and 400 species. _____'s project was multifaceted. Working under the direction of Fish and Game, he cut back the foliage of over 1000 trees and coated each with a chemical to prevent growth. As he treated each plant, he located it on GPS, so Fish and Game can monitor re-growth. Cody spent in excess of 500 hours on this project.

BOY SCOUT: The Snake River Council sent 34 youth and 5 adults to the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree in 2005. Five of our youth will be selected for the 2007 International Jamboree in England, commemorating the 100th birthday of Scouting. In Learning for Life, the Snake River Council partners with Catholic Services, the Youth Ranch and local schools in an after school program to reach at-risk youth ranging in age from elementary to high school. Currently 112 youth in the Snake River Council from Jerome and Rupert are participating in this worthy program. Our Varsity Scouts enjoyed our

annual Turkey Shoot and learned primitive skills at our Varsity Scout Rendezvous. The Order of the Arrow Lodge provided service to the Council, helping open and close Camp Bradley.

VARSAITY SCOUT: Governor Kempthorne, the Snake River Council is proud to inform you that it has received the prestigious Quality Council designation for 2005.

VENTURER #1: While all Scouting programs in the Snake River Council flourished in 2005, our Venturing program put Idaho on the map. For the first time in history, the National President of BSA's Venturing Program is from the Western Region, which includes all states west of Kansas. Amy DiFrancesco of Sun Valley, Idaho, is the youngest Venturing president ever selected and only the third young woman so distinguished. Amy is a High School junior in Riverstone's International Baccalaureate Program in Boise.

In addition to representing Idaho as she has traveled around the United States meeting with Scouters, Amy served as the lead youth at the 2005 BSA National Jamboree's very popular Venturing Mine exhibit and helped teach the Kodiak/Kodiak X leadership course at Philmont this summer. She regrets not joining you today, but she had a National Executive Board Meeting in Texas with BSA's Chief Executive Scout Roy Williams this morning.

In March, Amy will join a delegation of 8 Scouts to deliver the Report to the Nation, addressing the United States Supreme Court, House of Representatives and Senate, as well as meeting with President Bush. Amy asked me to express her gratitude and appreciation for your eight years of leadership to our state as governor. She said she will miss seeing you at next year's report. (BOY SCOUT, HOLD UP PATCH). Amy asked us to present you with this limited edition National Venturing President patch. It is one of 250 made in the United States. (BOY SCOUT, GIVE THE PATCH TO THE GOVERNOR AND SHAKE HIS HAND IF HE OFFERS IT)

Finally, Idaho's Snake River Council has been featured twice in national Scouting magazines this year. The July issue of Boys Life (TIGER CUB, HOLD UP MAGAZINE FOR GOVERNOR TO SEE) has a five page article about river rafting in Idaho and the November/December issue of Scouting (CUB SCOUT HOLD UP MAGAZINE FOR GOVERNOR TO SEE) has an article about BSA's National Venturing President, Amy DiFrancesco, receiving the Congressional Award Gold Medal during the summer of 2005 in Washington, D.C. We would like to present you with copies of these publications. (TIGER CUB & CUB SCOUT GIVE THE MAGAZINES TO THE GOVERNOR AND SHAKE HIS HAND IF HE OFFERS IT)

Governor Kempthorne, thank you for this opportunity to share our Scouting year with you. We hope you and your family have a great year.