International Scouting Newsletter

Dan Beard Scouts Selected
for Scout Exchange with Japan...

Two members of the Dan Beard Council have been selected to participate in the annual Scout Association of Japan/Boy Scouts of America Friendship Exchange Program. **Derek Thompson of Troop #944** , Ft. Hamilton District was selected as a youth participant while **Dave Bruno, International Scouting Representative** for the Dan Beard Council, will be one of the adult leaders.

The Friendship Exchange Program is an annual event that is aimed at promoting international understanding and friendship between the two countries. The Boy Scouts of America will send one troop composed of 28 scouts and 6 leaders selected from throughout the United States. The group will participate in the 2010/2011 Scout Youth Forum and experience the Japanese way of life through the home hospitality program. The exchange will also deepen the understanding and knowledge of Japanese community, history, culture, and industries. The participants will have the opportunity to visit with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Educational touring of Tokyo, Fuji, and Kamakura will also be included. The Friendship Exchange Troop will depart Dallas on February 3 for Tokyo and return to the United States on February 13.

Throughout the year opportunities for International Scouting are offered by the International Division for qualified scouts. In general qualifications include being at least 14 years old, in good standing with your home troop, and willing to travel internationally. Exact qualifications will depend upon the program. Opportunities have included the Friendship Exchange, Youth Conferences in Europe and South America, as well programs with specific country scouting

organizations. In most cases the International Division and the host scouting organization cover most of the costs. In addition there are opportunities to serve on Camp Staff for the summer throughout Europe and Asia. If you are interested in receiving mailings when opportunities arise, please send a resume and your passport information to:

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Please be sure to include your email and phone number.