



**Lions Clubs International
represented at the 2010 BSA
Centennial Jamboree**

The Boy Scouts of America National Centennial Jamboree was held at Fort AP Hill of Caroline County, Virginia. Lions Club members representing 12 states assembled there informally on Monday, August 2, 2010. They met at the Lions information display area at the BSA relationships center. During the meeting, these Lions (who also are registered as scouters) formed a beneficial association (club) to support and further develop their mutual relationship with scouting. It was decided that this "club" would communicate by email on a regular basis with each other and plan to meet at various times during the year. The "spirit" of the Lions' roar was compelling and the enthusiasm that each Lion shared was inspiring. Over 100 Lions members registered at our booth to receive information on how to better develop the Lions-Scouting community relationship.



Lions from across America met at the Centennial Jamboree

This was the first time in modern memory, that Lions Clubs International was represented at a national jamboree or national meeting due to the efforts of Lion Vince Lipinski of the Berkeley Host Lions (District 4C-3) and Lion Dennis Weiss of the Galt Lions (District 4-C5). We thanked BSA Service organization Relationships Executive George Sparks for inviting Lions Club International to participate at this year's centennial jamboree. All of us really enjoyed the camaraderie and experience.



Lion Vince Lipinski, Scout Executive George Sparks, Lion Dennis Weiss

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation ceremony where Lion Rick Price of the Otto Township -PA Lions Club (District 14F) was presented the *Lions Club Scouting Service Award* which included the medallion with purple ribbon, BSA community organization knot and certificate. Dedicated scouter and Lion Rick Price served on staff at the Jamboree post office.



Lion Vince Lipinski & Lion Dennis Weiss present the Lions Club Scouting Service Award to Jamboree Postmaster Lion Rick Price

It was an honor and “fun” for us to meet so many boy scouts at the jamboree! Many of the boys shared poignant stories about how the Lions Club in their respective communities helped the boy scouts. I was reminded by many of our visitors how many Lions Club chartered scouting units help out at various club pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and many community and civic activities throughout the nation. Many clubs also provide financial assistance for scholarships and “camper-ships”. Several boy scouts also mentioned their experiences also as Leo Club members at their local high schools. There were also many boy scouts and scouters who inquired, “Just what do Lions do?” Near the jamboree’s conclusion, we were visited by wheel chair traveler and scout, Archer Hadley, who I met earlier in the week at the “Good Turn for America” exhibit who thanked all the Lions for running the special needs camp in Texas. This experience ended the jamboree on a high note!

We were pleased to share the mission statement of the Lions with so many at our Centennial Jamboree.



Lion Vince Lipinski & Lion Dennis Weiss met with Boy Scout Archer Hadley of Troop 5, Austin, Texas.

(Vince had met Archer previously at the “Good Turn for America” national exhibit.) Archer regularly attends “TLC” (Texas Lions Camp) and Kerrville Lions Camp. He thanked the Lions for all they do for scouting! WE SERVE!

