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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SEEKS PERMANENT HOME FOR NATIONAL
JAMBOREE FOR 2013 AND BEYOND**

*Selection Process on a Fast Track as America's Largest Youth-Serving Organization
Readies for the Next 100 Years*

DALLAS – June 3, 2008 – The Boy Scouts of America announced today it is expanding its search to find a permanent home for one of America's great traditions—the Boy Scouts National Scout Jamboree.

Securing a permanent home for the National Scout Jamboree, beginning with the 2013 event, is one of several initiatives launched in celebration of the BSA's 100th Anniversary.

The project is a significant economic development opportunity. The initial capital investment for the project is expected to be more than \$100 million. Through the years, national jamborees—which typically take place every four years—have attracted more than 200,000 visitors per event.

The permanent site will offer high adventure experiences and leadership development training year-round, as well as potentially host future World Scout Jamborees.

"This is an amazing opportunity to create an anchor for our next 100 years," BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca said. "We are looking for ideas that could potentially include creating leadership and training centers, innovation labs, and leadership development programs. There are no limits to the creative ways this new home can be used—we are confident that a number of superior ideas will be generated through this process."

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Initial proposals are due July 11, and site visits and other planning will commence immediately thereafter. The BSA plans to make a selection by the end of 2008. Among other requirements, potential sites must:

- * Have spectacular natural beauty
- * Have water for recreational activities
- * Be at least 5,000 acres and available for donation, long-term lease (100+ years), or sale
- * Be located within 25 miles of an interstate or a four-lane divided highway
- * Be located within 150 miles of a commercial service airport with medium or large hub status
- * Be located in an area with adequate medical services
- * Be accessible year-round via standard modes of transportation

The BSA has partnered with McCallum Sweeney Consulting to aid in the search and evaluation process. To learn more about the site selection process, visit www.mccallumsweeney.com <<http://www.mccallumsweeney.com/>> or call 866-672-4255.

“The initiative to select and build a permanent home for the jamboree and associated year-round use is a superior economic development opportunity,” Mazzuca said. “The jamboree site and its project elements can create new jobs and a long-term, sustained economic boost for the surrounding community.”

About the Boy Scouts of America

Serving more than 4.6 million youth between the ages of 7 and 20, with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the BSA is the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. The Scouting movement is composed of 1.2 million volunteers, whose dedication of time and resources has enabled the BSA to remain the nation’s leading youth-service organization. For more information on the BSA, please visit www.scouting.org.

More information about 100 Years of Scouting can be found at www.scouting.org/100years.

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