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FUN WITH A PURPOSE: SCOUT SUMMER CAMP BRINGS ADVENTURE AND NEW SKILLS TO YOUTH

ATLANTA, Ga., (June 4, 2009) – Summer time leaves many parents are wondering what activities their children can do to stay busy. The adventure of Scout summer camp not only includes sitting around a campfire telling scary stories, but also white water rafting down the river, climbing a 62 foot tower and racing towards the ground on a zip line. The Boy Scouts of America not only provides fun and adventure over the summer, but also learning opportunities. The Scouts instill values that help build character and also help shape boys into young men. An important experience for Scouts is summer camp. Camping is the ideal vehicle to accomplish Scouting's aims of providing leadership opportunities and building mentally and physically fit youth.

Boy Scout summer camp is a great way for youth to get out and experience nature and also learn new skills through the merit badge program. For instance, while at camp, a Scout might work on the Wilderness Survival, Personal Fitness, Camping, or Climbing Merit Badge. The skills and values will help the Scout later in school and in life. There are also more challenging camps for more advanced Scouts such as Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Philmont is a high adventure camp where Scouts spend 11 days hiking through the New Mexico wilderness where they learn how to orienteer and survive outdoors. Furthermore, they gain leadership, team building, and communication skills.

While more young men are finding the adventure in Scouting, parents are realizing the importance of good moral behavior, character development and leadership experience. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the only youth serving organization that teaches these vital lessons. In fact, the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America has recently been recognized for keeping youth in the program longer. Retention has been one of the biggest challenges facing Scouting today. As the fun and adventure keeps Scouts interested, parents continue to support the Scouts because of the lifetime values it instills in their children.

If you would like more information on how to join the Scouts, visit www.atlantabsa.org or call 770-989-9920.

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Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been the nation's foremost program of character development and values-based leadership training for youth ages 7-20. The Atlanta Area Council covers 13 metro-Atlanta Counties including Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, and Rockdale. For more information on the Atlanta Area Council, visit www.atlantabsa.org.