



"Happy Birthday, BSA"

Golden Empire Council – California Capitol March

Video Essay Contest

Boy Scouts of America are getting ready to celebrate 100 years of camping, activity pins, merit badges, summer camps, cub camps, and all things associated with Scouting. Golden Empire Council will commemorate this event by sponsoring the California Capitol March, October 24, 2009.

Scouts of all levels are invited to wow us with a video essay that highlights what "Happy Birthday, BSA" means to you. Draw on your imagination using the Five Pillars of Scouting: CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT, OUTDOORS, and COMMUNITY SERVICE illustrating one or more of these important BSA values.

1. How to Enter: Please complete an online application form at www.gec-bsa.org/program/capmarch showing your intent to participate.

2. Your Entry: must only be submitted via U. S. Mail or any other conventional mail delivery service. Video entries must be submitted in CD or DVD formats and includes the following information name, address, zip code, daytime telephone number and email address. Also include your Scouting information, Council, District, Unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, Team, etc.), and Unit number. Your CD/DVD must be clearly and legibly labeled with your name and address. A brief synopsis of your video entry must also be included which should list date/length of video (which can be no longer than 3 minutes). If scouts are used in the video please include a list of their names. Entries must be submitted by **September 15, 2009**.

3. Eligibility: California Capitol March Video Essay Contest is open to all Scouts. Adults over 21 years (above Crew age) may not participate. **Scouts must produce their own work**, and may use information from other sources where appropriate.

4. Judging: Entries will be judged based on the following criteria for all age groups: creative concept (25%), technical ability (25%), sound (25%), and dialogue (25%). In the event of a tie, the entries involved will be re-judged by an additional judge who will serve as a tiebreaker and who will evaluate entries according to criteria listed above. Video entries must be no longer than three minutes long and have a title. All video entries must be the original creation of the entrant. The video must not have been previously submitted, distributed, aired or have won any other award in any other competition. Entries cannot defame or invade the rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any third party personal or proprietary rights. Entries must be in keeping with Scouting's image and may not be offensive, as determined by judges in their sole discretion.

5. Prizes: One Scout from Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Crew/Team/Varsity will be chosen to participate in the activities at Boy Scouts of America - Golden Empire Council's "CALIFORNIA CAPITOL MARCH" being held October 24, 2009 in Sacramento, CA. There, winners will receive his or her award in a formal ceremony at Raley Field. Each scout chosen will get their March registration paid for. (More information will be sent, upon winning selection.)

6. Selection: All eligible Application Submissions received by the above deadline will be reviewed by a qualified panel of adult scouters (GEC Board of Directors) whose decisions as to the selection are final.

7. Additional Terms: By participating, applicants agree to the Official Rules, and the decisions of the Golden Empire Council judges, which shall be final in all respects. All entries become the property of Golden Empire Council and will not be returned.

I look forward to receiving all the videos, and seeing you at the March!!!!

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