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Amalgamated Life President and CEO David Walsh Chairs the Westchester Putnam Committee of the National Scout Jamboree as The Boy Scouts of America Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

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For Dave Walsh, The Boy Scouts of America is an awesome organization which he has been a part of since boyhood. Today, this President and CEO of Amalgamated Life Insurance Company (White Plains, NY), a leading provider of life and health insurance, which holds the prestigious "A" (Excellent) Rating from A.M. Best Company, can add Chairman of the Westchester Putnam Committee of the National Scout Jamboree to his list of achievements. Under Walsh's leadership, a three-year planning and recruitment effort resulted in a four-fold increase in the number of local scouts attending the Jamboree and a 20% reduction in the cost to the boys and their families. This year's jamboree, which coincides with the Boy Scouts' 100th anniversary, had an estimated attendance of over 45,000 including 35,000 scouts and 11,000 adults representing troops worldwide. The event, which took place from July 26th through August 4th in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, included a wide range of activities.



According to Walsh, an Eagle Scout, who also serves as Advancement Chairman of Local Troop 271 Mahopac Falls, NY, as Executive Vice President of the Council, and on the Boy Scouts of America's Strategic Planning Committee, "We had just about every outdoor activity you could imagine scheduled for the Scouts during the Jamboree. From a 5k fun run, bikathon, Buckskin Games and air-rifle shooting to aquatics, amateur ham radio operations, archery, climbing towers, mountain boarding, rappelling and an American Indian Village, among many others, the Scouts were immersed in fun, action, excitement, learning and skill-building for the ten day period."

Walsh added that in keeping with the Boy Scouts' broader mission to build strong, healthy and civic-minded leaders, the Jamboree's activities also included a confidence course, conservation program, pioneering, technology expo and CPR and AED training events. There were also national exhibits from such organizations as the Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard and leading businesses.

The go-go-go Jamboree environment suits Walsh well. He holds the Silver Beaver Award which,



according to his wife, Alice, who is also a strong proponent and supporter of the Boy Scouts, is quite an achievement. Every summer, Walsh swims the one-mile swim with the scouts. In 2012, it will be his 50th anniversary of the swim. Each year, during summer camp, he participates in all the aquatic, camping and climbing activities.

At Camp Read (aka the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation), a camp located in the Adirondack Mounts in Brant Lake, NY

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used by the Boy Scouts, there is the Walsh Ecology Center; a facility established by funds contributed by Dave and Alice Walsh.

“The Boy Scouts of America have been a tremendous source of learning, growing, adventure and good healthy fun,” said Walsh. “It is one of the greatest American traditions which we as a generous nation share with the world. I can’t say enough about the Boys Scouts of America. I am very proud to be a part of it.” Walsh has passed on his enthusiasm for the Boy Scouts to his sons. Jim is also an Eagle Scout and accompanied his father at the Jamboree. His other son, Jack, will soon be an Eagle Scout.

Among the many highlights of the Jamboree was a visit by President Obama.

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More about The Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For nearly a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through nearly a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.