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Enjoy Unique, Entertaining Exhibits at A Taste of Colorado

Boy Scouts of America to Mark 100th Anniversary with Celebration

DENVER – A premiere exhibit and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, “**Adventure Base 100,**” will make its sole Colorado stop at the 27th annual A Taste of Colorado. The four-day, free admission, food, music, and entertainment Festival will take place Fri., Sept. 3 through Mon., Sept. 6 in Downtown Denver’s Civic Center Park.

Adventure Base 100 is an interactive 8,000-square-foot campus featuring immersive Scout-related experiences to provide a hands-on view of the Boy Scouts of America’s 100-year history and the difference scouting has made in the lives of millions of youth. The exhibit will be constructed in Civic Center Park across from the Colorado Mining Foundation tent.

“Our goal is to engage those interested in the Boy Scouts of America in a new and exciting way,” says John Cabeza, Scout Executive and CEO of the Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. “We are thrilled to bring this experience to Denver and A Taste of Colorado and celebrate our rich 100-year heritage, spark fond memories in former Scouts and alumni, and intrigue those who may be interested in learning more about our organization.”

The exhibit will include:

- A high-adventure ropes course for all visitors who are more than four feet tall and weigh less than 250 pounds.
- A multi-sensory experience that will offer visitors the sights, smells, and sounds of scouting via the IMAX-like video, “Go! Dome.”
- An overview about what it takes to become an Eagle Scout, the highest level of scouting.
- A chance to speak with members of local councils to learn more about scouting.
- A traveling scouting museum featuring an overview of the Boy Scouts of America’s history, including a display of rare artifacts collected by the organization over the last 100 years.

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For more information about 100 Years of Scouting and to pre-register for the exhibit's free "e-Passport," visit www.adventurebase100.org.

Attendees also are invited to check out the following offerings by some of the Festival's other sponsors.

Visit **CarterEnergy** and take part in fun, educational games and learn more about the future of energy and transportation.

Dunkin' Donuts will feature its Dunkin' Turbo coffee, along with free samples, coupons, and prizes.

Stop by **Purina® Pro Plan® Rally to Rescue®** and learn from a Rally to Rescue ambassador about the program's advocacy for pet rescue and adoption. The organization has found homes for more than 314,000 dogs and cats since the program began in 2005. Consider taking home an adoptive pet and help meet their goal of 400,000 adoptions by the end of 2010.

Texas on Tour will be offering interactive and virtual adventures to festivalgoers. Learn about the state of Texas in the dome theater or take a virtual kayak ride through the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande.

In addition to the Main Stage, four other entertainment stages located throughout the Festival will serve up a continuous menu of music, featuring rock, country, jazz, classic rock, blues, and ethnic music and dance groups.

More than 50 of Colorado's favorite food establishments will be selling a wide variety of small portions to full meals, ensuring that there will be something for every palate. The Fine Dining area will host some of Denver's finest restaurants. The Culinary Showcase features local and nationally-renowned chef demonstrations creating simple, yet elegant meals.

Festivalgoers can shop in more than 270 Marketplace booths for original arts and crafts, home and gift items, furniture, jewelry, imports, and more. Shoppers also can explore the Home & Lifestyles area, which features a variety of exhibitors displaying products and services such as window installation, kitchen remodeling, cookware, basement refinishing, and salons and spas.

There will be plenty of music, magic, clowns, and puppets on the KidzStage, and the KidZone features play equipment and hands-on craft activities. Kids and adults also can enjoy carnival rides and games Saturday through Monday.

In the Festival of Mountain and Plain area, families can learn about the state's pioneer past, nature, and the environment. Featured artisans will demonstrate Navajo weaving and culture, spinning, rug braiding, lace crocheting, papermaking, and quilting, along with the popular blacksmith demonstration. At the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program exhibit, children can learn about birds and their environment, along with their interactions with humans. Free gold panning and educational materials about dinosaurs, volcanoes, rocks and minerals, and energy production and conservation are available at the Colorado Mining Exhibit.

Sponsors of this year's Festival are: 9NEWS, Aggreko, All Copy Products, American Medical Response, American Satellite – An Authorized DIRECTV Dealer, Aspen Pure, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Blue Moon, Boy Scouts of America, CarterEnergy, Cascadian Farm, Colorado Native, Coors Banquet, *The Denver Post*, Downtown Denver Partnership, Inc., Dunkin' Donuts, Fage Greek Yogurt, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, Ford Fiesta Lounge, Grand Lodge on Peak 7, KRAFT HOMESTYLE Macaroni & Cheese, LÄRABAR, LBA Realty, Levinson Eye Clinic, Mike's Hard Lemonade, Mission Foods, Muir Glen, Nintendo DSi™ XL Discovery Zone, PEPSI, Purina® Pro Plan® Rally to Rescue®, Residence Inn Denver City Center, Sturgeon Electric, Texas on Tour, and XingTea.

Festival hours are Friday, Sept. 3, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Monday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Festival of Mountain and Plain ... A Taste of Colorado is a community celebration that is produced by and benefits Downtown Denver Events, Inc., the Downtown Denver Partnership family's community events non-profit organization. The Festival is an opportunity for people throughout the region to come together to experience and appreciate our diverse cultural traditions, and to learn more about our state's Western heritage. The Festival highlights visual and performing arts in addition to featuring educational programs and culinary demonstrations.

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