



Construction Bulletin

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2009 Boy Scout Jamboree

On May 2, more than 5,000 Boy Scouts and their families converged on Green Lane Park to celebrate the Boy Scouts Jamboree hosted by the Cradle of Liberty Boy Scout Council and ABC contractors were front and center. The "Construction Zone" offered scouts and their families an opportunity to play construction-related games and check out equipment, with a heavy emphasis on construction safety.



In ABC's Construction Zone, Jimmy Bickel from Adams-Bickel Associates, Inc. showed the kids how to gear up using safety harnesses, hard hats and goggles. A few yards away, Thompson Masonry Contracting Co. employees Rob Bitterman, an Eagle Scout, and Steve Goodman showed the kids how to use a trowel and lay brick.



Next door Marie Write and Billy Hurst of Worth and Company, Inc. timed a pipefitting race where the winners received water bottles, tee shirts and bags. E. Allen Reeves hosted a Model House Building Competition. Brock Benson, a former Scout himself, along with Dave Tuck monitored the Scouts as they raced to frame their house the quickest. The team with the best time received a \$200 donation to their Pak.



And finally, Realty Landscape Corp.'s Bill Tamburro, a Scout Troop Leader, Chris Tamburro and Karen Petroski hosted a pallet race where kids loaded plants from one side to another

in hopes of winning tee shirts, safety sunglasses, or the top prize, a genuine Scout Hat! Special thanks to Volvo Rents who had originally intended to host boom lift rides, but was not able to due to the weather. All of the kids had a great time!



Thanks to our participating companies and their staff for not only making the day a boatload of fun for everyone who attended but also creating a great showcase for ABC! The next Jamboree is May 2011. Start planning now to make it even bigger and better!



What does "Free Choice" mean to me?

An interview with students from the Apprenticeship Trust Training Center



"Free choice to me means I am able to pursue and choose an education and career that meets my personal goals and that I can choose to work where and for whom I choose."

Brock Benson
4th Year, Carpentry
E. Allen Reeves, Inc.



"My opinion on the Free Choice Act is that we should have the right to vote in the privacy of a room or booth. Out in the open or just signing a card isn't free if you feel threatened or intimidated."

A. Scott Makins
Graduate, Masonry
Thompson Masonry Contracting Co., Inc.

Class Offerings:

Electrical
Carpentry
Masonry
Electronic Systems
Technician
Roofing
Plumbing
HVAC
Sheet Metal
Painting

2009 Fall Apprenticeship & Craft Training Schedule

Right now is the time to enroll new and existing students for the fall semester of our craft training programs (registered apprentices must register for class to remain active). All of our classes are designed to fit the need of both the student and employer by delivering classroom training that fits various levels of expertise for the worker and utilize hands-on training, using Contren Curricula. Classes begin at 7:00 a.m. and run to 3:30 p.m. one day a week. All training materials and textbooks are included in the price. For more information, contact Bill Henry, Director of Education at 610-573-8524.

Tips for saving money in 2009

- Distinguish between wants and needs
- Shop around for things like car, health and home insurance
- Gas - Carpool and try to group errands near each other for the same day/time
- Groceries – plan in advance, clip coupons, try more store or generic brands, buy in bulk
- Electric – purchase and install a programmable thermostat - a programmable thermostat can reduce energy wasted by heating or cooling a house when no one is home or everyone's asleep
- Water – Heating water is the third-biggest home-energy cost and typically accounts for 14%-20% of your energy bill. Installing a hot water heater jacket and increase its efficiency.
- Saving change – Every time you get spare change, put it in a jar and you'll be amazed how much you can save. Or, even, every time you have a dollar or a \$5 bill in your wallet, put it in a jar. Challenge yourself to save!
- Direct deposit – fill out the form so your money goes straight to the bank and not in your wallet to spend on your "wants"