



Kettering Holiday at Home • Labor Day Weekend

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KETTERING HOLIDAY AT HOME ANNOUNCES 2010 GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Charles "Doc" Goodwin was nominated by Boy Scout Troop 236 at Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering to serve as the 2010 Grand Marshal of Holiday at Home. Dr. Goodwin is a Pediatric Surgeon at Children's Medical Center and President of Pediatric Surgeons of Dayton. His love for children shows in his chosen profession and in his volunteering in our community. He not only IS a leader, he helps devoted parent volunteers nurture future leaders. That's a sign of a truly great LEADER!

Currently, Doc holds the title of Scoutmaster of Troop 236, a position he has held for 21 years. This troop has consistently had over 100 scouts on its roster, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years or 6th grade to 12th grade. During the time he has been Scoutmaster, 168 Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, with the number growing each year. Doc himself was a Cub Scout, advancing to Boy Scout and then to Eagle Scout. His three sons have followed in his footsteps.

Doc has been working with Scouts for 40+ years, including the time he spent as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Pack and Troop Leader for his sons. His scouting tradition continues today, even though his own children are no longer in the program. The experiences Doc had as a boy and as a father encouraged him to continue to impact other kids the way he was affected. While he truly enjoys helping the already accomplished accomplish more, his Boy Scout Troop has always been a haven for those who need help as well. Helping the emotionally immature boy develop into a mature, sound leader has always been a focus of Doc's work in Scouting. He developed a five-day Troop 236 Leadership and Scout Skills Camp and, with three Eagle Scouts, wrote a 189 page instructors manual for the camp.

As Scoutmaster of the Troop, Doc has used his personal charm, wit and storytelling ability to provide leadership development and outdoor skills to thousands of Kettering youth. He has authored a book, Scout Shorts about his first 15 years as a scoutmaster. All profits from the book go into a campership fund for scouts. This fund allows boys, who may not otherwise be able to afford it, attend campouts to grow and hone their skills. Along with other parents, he works diligently at the weekly meetings and summer camps to help the boys earn the merit badges required to advance ranks.

Doc's devotion to the troop extends throughout the entire year. His evenings may consist of helping groups earn the swimming merit badge, attending weekly meetings, conducting parent



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planning meetings, and meeting with the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. He has led crews to Philmont five times, Tinnerman Canoe Base twice and Sea Base four times. He has led three crews on the Appalachian Trail. His international travels include the BSA World Jamboree in England and Chile, and he will be the Scoutmaster for the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. Closer to home, he will be attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree in Virginia.

This will be his sixth National Jamboree. Dr. Goodwin is a Red Cross Instructor for CPR, First Aid, and Wilderness First Aid. He is a BSA Lifeguard and a YMCA Aquatic Instructor. Among the many awards and recognitions he has received is the Kettering Mayor's Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award in 2006. Within the Boy Scouts, he has been awarded the Distinguished Eagle Award, the Silver Beaver, the District Award of Merit, the Scoutmasters Award of Merit and the Wright Brothers' District Scoutmaster of the Year.

Kettering Holiday At Home Foundation is very pleased to honor Dr. Charles "Doc" Goodwin as the 2010 Grand Marshal.

About Holiday at Home:

The Holiday At Home celebration began on Labor Day, 1959. From this, Holiday At Home was refined and enlarged to the present Labor Day weekend festival that is now enjoyed by thousands of south suburban residents and visitors.

The name, Holiday At Home, was selected through a contest. It promotes the idea of staying at home over the holiday weekend, rather than becoming part of the large group of travelers at that time.

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