

SPL MESSAGE...

The troop has had some great outings over the past couple of months. There have been some outings that I don't think could have gotten any better: wonderful weather, wonderful friends, and even some wonderful food. (Was that stretching it a little?)

Well, unfortunately there are still some out there who haven't been able to go on one yet. So I want to encourage you to consider these upcoming opportunities. Our next outing is the Air Zoo. I would recommend that you try to go on this fantastic experience. You could even get a merit badge out of the whole deal! And then looking ahead there are other great outings planned. I don't want anyone to miss out! Read your newsletter and be informed. Outings are a big part of scouting! Check your calendar today.

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POPCORN PIE TOSS

Well, the popcorn numbers are in and the Scoutmaster is getting prepped for target practice. On Monday, November 24th those scouts that reached their personal goal will be invited to plaster the Scoutmaster with delectable and creamy concoctions of many gooey varieties. Please come prepared for a smashing good time.

And yes, it's also the night you must pick up your popcorn. See one of the Popcorn Kernels to sign for the goodies, and plan to have all your popcorn money collected by December 8th!



"My doctor says I should try to have more fun at work."



AIR ZOO

We're heading to the Air Zoo for an overnight experience December 12-13th. This trip is a great opportunity to learn about aviation, tour the museums, have fun with your scouting friends, and work on an interesting merit badge. Registration for the trip will close on Monday, November 24th. All fees and paperwork are requested at that time. Contact the outdoor activities chair if you have any questions.



SWIM NIGHT

On December 8th the troop will be meeting at the Holland Aquatic Center for a Swim Night (6:30 - 8:30 PM). This evening is for fun and fellowship but there is usually an opportunity to complete some advancement work with the troop leaders. Either way you won't want to miss the evening. Group rates will apply for those individuals (scouts, siblings, parents, and friends) that register for the event. If you come without registering you will pay the regular facility fees. Please sign up with the Scoutmaster by December 5th.

KANDU TOUR

In an effort to help the troop reach out into the community, the Scoutmaster has been working with Kandu Industries to establish a special volunteer relationship with our Troop. Kandu Industries provides opportunities for people with barriers to employment by teaching work skills. Kandu will welcome troop members for a special tour in late December. Watch for an announcement from your Scoutmaster.

KLONDIKE DERBY

This Lakeshore District event is scheduled for February 7th. It will be held at Silver Creek County Park in Hamilton from 8AM - 5 PM.

The Derby challenges Sled Teams with a variety of scouting skill problems like fire building, lashing, first aid, and orienteering. It's time for our troop to begin forming teams of scouts to face the tests. With a little bit of preparation and study we're sure our scouts will fair very well in the contests. If you're interested in being a part of our team please speak with the Outdoor Activities Chair. Registration closes on January 12th. The fee is \$7 per person and includes lunch, a patch, and a great time!



POLAR BEAR

The annual Polar Bear Campout is scheduled for January 31st and February 1st. It's a cool challenge to face the harsher winter elements and if the snow is ample enough we'll build shelters which is a lot of work but a real adventure. We're doing this outing at Camp Gerber to help scouts complete the Four Season Award. So

if you're doing the Four Season challenge or if you're just interested in some serious outdoor fun you'll want to sign up for this event. Because of the serious nature of camping in the winter it will be imperative that all participants have the right gear. The PLC will hold some special meetings in January about just what you'll need.



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Get a Troop Polo for your favorite scout or scouter. Just \$19.50 each, they are gray with a 5-color embroidered logo. There are only a few left so don't delay. Contact the Outdoor Activities Chair if you're interested.



TROOP RECHARTERING

Troop 147 is preparing to recharter for our 49th year. Each scouting family with the ability to receive electronic mail should be watching for important e-mail containing information and attachments

concerning our rechartering process.
The few families without electronic capability should watch snail mail.
These important forms will also be made available on the troop web site.
Please assist the Membership Chairman and the Committee Chairman by completing your paperwork in a timely manner. All fees and paperwork must be turned in by January 12th!

