

The Troop Scoop



Scout Sunday

On Sunday, **February 8th** scouts and parents (siblings too!) are invited to join with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in worship and celebration to mark Scout Sunday. It's the 99th year of scouting in the United States and the 49th year for Troop 147!

Scouts will greet church members, serve as liturgists, and offer a minute for mission.

Please plan to meet at 10:30 AM. The worship service begins at 11 AM. Class-A uniforms are requested.



It has been told to you what is good,
and what the Lord requires of you;
only to act justly, and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

Swim Night

Guys, we're heading back to the Holland Aquatic Center on Monday, February 16th. Scouts are asked to sign up with our Scoutmaster by February 12th to be eligible for the group rate of \$2/person. This is a good opportunity to practice those swimming skills and maybe even get some requirements signed off but there's lots of time to just enjoy the water and all the fun stuff at the pool. We plan on just meeting at the pool. The activities are open from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. No uniforms are required...just swim suits and towels.

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Court of Honor

Scouts and Parents, Siblings and Grandparents are all invited to join Troop 147 for a special evening celebrating all the work that scouts have accomplished over the last few months.

Come join us on **February 23rd** for our winter Court of Honor. Plan to arrive at 6:45 PM. The celebration will be held in the Church Sanctuary and refreshments will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The evening should conclude by 8:30.

This is a very special and important evening. In addition to honoring our scouts, we'll introduce the newest members of our troop and also share some very important summer camp information. (Scouts will also be participating in Order of the Arrow elections - see adjacent article)

Please plan on being a part of this significant troop family event. And Scouts, this is clearly a Class-A affair!



Order of the Arrow

On **February 23rd** following the Court of Honor, scouts will be invited to participate in our troop's Order of the Arrow elections. It is very important for all scouts to be present. Representatives from the OA will be present to share the significance of the election and the important criteria that should be considered as you evaluate candidates, such as exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law, exhibiting a helpful spirit, and cheerfulness when facing difficult tasks.

To be eligible for the Order of the Arrow, a scout must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop and hold First Class rank. The scout must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Leadership Weekend



**A Scoutmaster
is full of surprises....**

Coming soon is another cool outing. On the weekend of March 27-29 we'll be treated to a mystery weekend planned by our very own Scout Leaders. Sketchy details will be shared with scouts so they know how to prepare for the weekend's activities but specifics will be kept a secret. Watch and listen for important messages regarding registration for this outing. If you like surprises, if you're game for adventure, or keen on some fun with friends you'll want to be sure and register for this event. Parents will be informed of details upon departure.



An important parent meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th. Our Committee Chairman will give his "State of the Troop" address and a Council guest will be with us for Friends of Scouting. Please have your family represented.

Scouts that are First Class and above and those who anticipate achieving rank in the next few months are invited to attend a special weekend planned to identify and develop our future leaders.

We are holding these activities at Kirk Park Lodge. You'll need a sleeping bag and personal items. It's sort of heated...but you'll need to have some warm clothes and it wouldn't hurt to be prepared for spending time outdoors. There's always some time to play! This special weekend is scheduled for **March 6th- 8th**, and there's no fee for participants. This is considered so important that it's funded fully from the troop treasury. Our Scoutmaster says it's important for all the older scouts to be there. The presentations will be new and different and experienced scouts have a lot to offer to others. Please send an e-mail or make a call to Mr. Wagner indicating your interest in attending.

Important Dates

February 7.....Klondike Derby
February 8.....Scout Sunday
February 14-15.....Ski Trip
February 16.....Swim Night
February 21.....PLC Meeting
February 23.....Court of Honor
March 6-8.....Leadership Weekend
March 27-29...Scoutmaster Surprise