

The Troop Scoop



March Madness

There's a ton of action this month: training, service, and surprises!

Read the newsletter closely, mark your calendar today, and register on-time for events so you can be a part of all these great opportunities to do the game of scouting. Once you're sign up the adventures can begin.

The events and activities the troop offers will help you increase your skills, advance in rank, and build stronger bonds with your troop and your scouting friends.

Come be part of the game of scouting...join an outing!

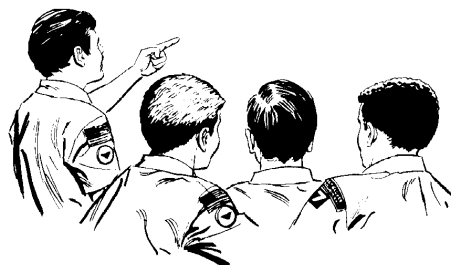
Outdoor Chair

Leadership Weekend

Scouts holding the rank of First Class or above are invited to join the Leadership Weekend planned for March 6-8th. The weekend will be held at the Kirk Park Lodge and is free to eligible scouts.

Make every effort to be part of this special weekend. It's about the most important outing of the year. The activities, games, and lessons will be aimed at defining and developing our troop leadership for the coming year. There will be some initial planning for the next program year too.

To be part of this event you must register by Wednesday, March 4th. Permission slips are available at the church. You can e-mail or call the Scoutmaster about your interest and get the form signed later.



Parent Meeting

We are holding a very important meeting for families on **March 9th**. Our Committee Chair will be sharing his "State of the Troop" address, we'll welcome a Council guest for a special Friends of Scouting presentation, and we'll have one more opportunity to share summer camp details. Each household should be represented at this special meeting.



Scoutmaster Surprise

Our Scoutmasters have made plans for a special mystery outing March 28-29th. No details - it's a surprise! But it's sure to be fun. Remember a scout is BRAVE - don't be shy...sign up ASAP for this mystery adventure. Forms will be at the church.

Scouting for Food

On Monday, March 23rd, we will be participating in a Scouting for Food service project. We will meet at 6 PM at the church; divide up into small groups to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Community Action House. The more participants we have, the broader our reach into the neighborhood which should result in more food items for the food pantry, which then means more people will be assisted! Please plan to join the effort on Monday, March 23rd. (Dress in uniform and be prepared for the weather...You'll be walking!)



FYI:

The Religious Retreat scheduled for April has been cancelled due to the dining hall collapse and anticipated re-construction.

Sleeping Bear Dunes

This will be our seventh year visiting Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. We have logged hundreds of hours of service time helping Ranger Jim keep the park nice.

This year's trip is being planned by our Committee Chairman. We'll head up on Friday, April 17th and return Sunday April 19th. It's great fun contributing to the park, listening to Ranger Jim's stories, and of course, spending time outdoors with scouting friends. Watch for more details regarding this event.

News from "Down Under"

Robert sends word that he is having a great deal of fun in Australia. He is safe from the recent brush fires. He does look forward to returning to Holland and resuming his scouting experience.

I bet he'll have some stories to share and maybe a few pictures too!



Spring Cleaning

On March 14th we will contribute some service hours to our chartering organization. The nature of the work we'll do and the details as to time have yet to be worked out. Please listen for an ANNOUNCEMENT.



Board of Review Message

Please note that BOR's will be held on the following dates...

March 16

April 13

May 11

Candidates wishing to sit for a BOR should have completed ALL requirements before signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the church. Please come prepared for the review...dress in uniform complete with neckerchief and sash; bring your scout handbook, a pen, and your Scout Spirit form. Spend a little time reviewing your requirements. This is a somewhat formal interview so plan to sit up straight, speak clearly, and answer the questions thoughtfully.

Troop 147 - 2009 High Adventure

White Water Rafting and more!

This is a wild adventure reserved for scouts that will be at least 13 on June 1, 2009

Wild, Wonderful West Virginia offers TWO of America's best and most popular whitewater rivers...the New and the Gauley.

And ACE Adventure Center offers the most experienced guides and the most exciting whitewater adventures in the East.

Don't miss this opportunity to join this wonderfully wet adventure.

Approximate Dates: June 22nd - 26th

Estimated Cost: \$325.00

(\$50 deposit will be required by March 15th)

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_____ YES, I am certain that I want to participate in this wonderful wet adventure.

_____ I may be interested in this trip.

_____ Sorry, it sounds like a great trip but I can't do it this year.

Scout _____ Age _____

Parent Signature _____