

The Troop Scoop



Important Dates

Sat, Oct. 3- Fall Popcorn kickoff
 Mon, Oct. 5- Court of Honor
 Sat-Sun, Oct. 10-11- Ft. Custer
 Sat-Sun, Oct. 24-25- Manistee River
 Mon, Oct. 26- Game Night
 Fri-Sun, Nov. 13-15- Marengo Caves
 Mon, Nov. 16- Game Night

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



Court of Honor

The Fall Court of Honor will be held at the church on October 5th, at 7:00. All Scouts and parents are invited to attend. **SCOUTS MUST BE IN FULL CLASS A UNIFORM.** Refreshments for everyone will be served afterwards.



Manistee River

Get ready for a fun backpacking trip on October 24-25! The trail is 10 miles long, and along the scenic Manistee River. All hikers must have sturdy hiking boots and rain gear. If you do not have a pack, please speak with a troop leader.



Fall Popcorn 2009

Get your uniforms on and your order forms out, because it's time for the Fall Popcorn Sale of 2009! The sale runs from Saturday, October 3rd through Monday, November 2nd. Our goal this year is for each scout to sell \$250. You are **STRONGLY** encouraged to sell, to get money in your scout accounts and to avoid having to pay the \$80 troop dues. If you would like to get "Show-N-Sell" popcorn or paperwork over the weekend, please contact one of the popcorn kernels.



Troop Kickoff

By ASPL

2009 is going to be another great year for troop 147. Our first meeting was jam packed with information; we talked about outings for the upcoming year, and handed out awards from the last year. We also honored our Eagle scouts and encouraged our Life scouts to strive to become Troop 147's 100th Eagle Scout. Different fund raising opportunities were also covered. We closed the opening meeting with games and refreshments.



Guidelines...

From our Guides

Our new scouts got back from a week out at Camp Gerber. At Camp Gerber, they completed "Eagle Quest", making them only a few achievements away from First Class. This coming year, we plan on helping them reach First Class, and, more importantly, teach them to enjoy scouting, and the different outings we do.

Marengo Caves- Caver's Day Adventure

By Outdoor Activities Chair

This cool opportunity is about a 6.5 hour drive from Holland but the experience is well worth the trip. You'll put on a hard hat and have a great time getting wet and muddy as you explore an undeveloped, natural cave. Trained guides will help you learn safe caving techniques, cave conservation, and cave ecology. Registration information is available and commitments, along with a \$25 deposit must be returned by October 15th

Fort Custer

Dust off your bikes and helmets, and get ready for a great trip to Fort Custer on October 10-11. Registration is due Oct. 1. Be sure to get your bike checked! If you need a bike, let us know; we can work hard to provide you one. Don't be shy! Fort Custer has trails for all levels, so come along! If mountain biking isn't your thing, take a hike and enjoy the fresh October air.



SPL's Message

Hello Troop 147,

As you all know we are well of into the year so there are a few things that we should all be thinking about. First off we should all be excited for selling popcorn this year!!! 1/3 of every dollar you sell goes into your scout accounts. I now that I'm still going on outings from scout account money from last year's popcorn sales! Second troop participation is critical for not only advancement but also forming troop bonds and friendships. Third, I realize everyone is back in school and we face difficult decisions everyday. When facing one of those decisions it is a good opportunity to stop and think about the scout oath and law and weather or not what you are about to do is very scoutly and would represent our troop in a way that suggests a well mannered boy-led troop that above all takes the time to live by the scout oath and law.

