

TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER



FAMILY NITE: Our first Family Nite of the year will be Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Brook Park School. We will highlight our program year, pass out a ton of awards, and show pictures of our trip to Lefebvre Northwoods Camp. Refreshments will be served. Join us for a great evening.

CALENDAR: Enclosed is a copy of our 2011-2012 calendar. We hope these dates are firm, but there may be some changes along the way. If so, they will be announced at troop meetings, in the newsletter, and on our website (www.troop90bsa.org). We will need the help of every parent, as we have a very busy year planned.

SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT: The Des Plaines Valley Council is having a council-wide Camporall on September 23-25, 2011 at the Adventure Camp in Rochelle. There will be a conservation activity in the morning and all kinds of Scout games and challenges in the afternoon, followed by a great campfire. Enclosed is a permission slip that must be returned by September 7, 2011.

COMMITTEE MEETING: Our next Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Block's (302 Uvedale, Riverside) at 8:45 PM. All parents are welcome to attend.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to Andrew B (September 26); and Michael M (September 27). Have a great day!

POPCORN: For those Scouts who want to sell popcorn, you can earn money toward future High Adventure trips. 100% of the profits from the sale will be kept in your personal account for use for High Adventure trips when you become eligible. You can take orders for popcorn products from August 31st until October 5th. You can also earn prizes and scholarships for your sales efforts. Mr. Landahl will be handling our popcorn sales, and can answer any questions you may have.

FAMILY CAMPOUT: We had a perfect weekend for our Family Camp at Potato Creek State Park last weekend. A record 64 people enjoyed our food and fellowship. Special thanks to Dale Machacek, Bob and Donna Knight, and Dorothy Shearer for going up early and setting up camp. Thanks to the following families for attending: Basanich, Baum, Block, Buhle, Camasta, DeDore, Fletcher, Heer, Klump, Knasiak, Knight, Kraus, Machacek, Maggos, Shearer, Smith, Snyder, Thomas, and Towner.

DUFFEL BAGS: If you haven't returned your Summer Camp duffel bag yet, please do so as soon as possible.

HIGH ADVENTURE 2012: Our High Adventure trip for 2012 will be a Sea Kayaking adventure paddling among the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Lake Superior near Bayfield, Wisconsin, August 4-11, 2012. A flyer is enclosed for those Scouts who are eligible. A non-refundable deposit to reserve a spot will be due by September 21, 2011.

HIGH ADVENTURE ELIGIBILITY: In order to be eligible for High Adventure 2012, you must be in high school now, and must attend at least 2/3rds of our troop meetings and at least 3 of our six outdoor campouts during the year.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The date for our Pancake Breakfast is November 19, 2011. Mark your calendars and plan to spend part of your day with us. Line up your customers now, as we will pass out the tickets in early October. You will receive \$2.50 credit towards Summer Camp, High Adventure, or weekend campouts for each ticket you sell. This is a great way to pay for Scout camping. Watch for more information soon.

RUMMAGE SALE: As you get those fall and winter goods out of your closets and attics, don't throw away those good old summer things. Save them for our Rummage sale in spring.

PATROL MEETINGS: In an effort to promote the Patrol Method, all patrol leaders have been instructed to hold MONTHLY patrol meetings in addition to our troop meetings. It is the obligation of all patrol members to attend these monthly meetings. We will keep attendance at these meetings to see who and who is NOT attending. Advancement may also be delayed if you do not regularly attend patrol meetings. It is through the Patrol Method that the troop will become stronger and our boys will benefit.

OA FALL FELLOWSHIP: For all Order of the Arrow members, the Fall Fellowship will be on September 16-18, 2011 at the Adventure Camp in Rochelle, IL. Scouts can complete their Ordeal Ceremony and seal their Brotherhood in the Order. See Mr. Machacek for details.

UNIFORM CLOSET: If you need any uniform parts, or have some parts you have outgrown, please contact Barb Payne at 354-9502.

PARTIALS: Let's finish up those partial merit badges from Camp Lefeber. If you need help, contact Mr. Machacek or any Assistant Scoutmaster.

OCTOBER CAMPOUT: Our October campout will be October 7-9, 2011 at Indiana Dunes in Chesterton, Indiana. We will invite the second year Webelos Scouts from Pack 90 to join us.

DUE DATES: On each permission slip we send out, the date it is due back in is listed in big print. It is very important that this date is followed. We must make decisions regarding transportation, plan menus, purchase food, and pay camping fees. It makes it difficult for your leaders if we do not get the slips back on time. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SLIPS PAST THE DUE DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please note the due date and follow it. Thanks!

REFUNDS: We understand there may be times when it is necessary to cancel out on a campout. If we are informed a week before the campout, we will give you credit toward the next campout. If we do not find out until after that date (or not at all) there will be no refund or credit. In any case, please call if you have to cancel so we are not waiting for

you when we are ready to leave. Please call on the phone, as we do not always have time to check emails on the day of a campout. Also, please be punctual so we can leave on time.

SERVICE PROJECT: Troop 90 has joined the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Adopt-a-Site program. We will spend a few days cleaning up the 26th Street Woods in La Grange Park. You can use this for service hours for your rank advancements.

BOTH AT SUMMER CAMP AND AT OUR FAMILY CAMPOUT, WE WERE ASTONISHED BY THE BEAUTY OF THE STARS WE SAW.

ADVICE FROM THE NIGHT SKY



See the big picture
Be a star
Keep looking up
Don't be afraid of the dark
Stay full of wonder
Expand your horizons
Turn off the lights!