

TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER



FAMILY CAMPOUT: Our annual Family Campout will be at Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, Indiana on August 26-28, 2011. Join us for a great weekend of fun, fellowship, and food. Reservations are due by August 19th. Cost is \$15 per person.

COMMITTEE MEETING: Our first Committee meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Block's (302 Uvedale, Riverside). We ask that all Committee Members be present as we plan for the 2011-2012 Scouting year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: While we deeply appreciate the work of our present committee members, we need some new blood. We need some of our newer parents to step up and join us. We meet for about an hour a month after a troop meeting. We need the input of all of our members, both veterans and newcomers. Please do your share!

FAMILY NITE: Save the night of Wednesday, September 21, 2011 for our first Family Nite of the year. We will present a LOT of awards, highlight our 2011-2012 program, and see a presentation on our summer trip to Lefebber Northwoods Camp among other surprises.

PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING: Our first PLC Meeting will be on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Mr. Machacek's house. All junior Leaders and Assistant Scoutmasters should attend.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday this summer to: Sam F (July 3); Michael B (July 3); Miguel P (July 7); Leland B (July 13); Anthony L (July 15); George B (July 17); Ryan S (July 28); Joe T (Aug. 6); Nathan P (Aug. 14); Sean K (Aug. 17); Diego R (Aug. 18); Jordan C (July 18). Have a great day!

POPCORN: Troop90 will participate again this year in the council's popcorn sale on a voluntary basis, with 100% of the profits from the sale put into a separate account for each Scout selling popcorn. This account will be used exclusively for High Adventure Activities, when the Scout becomes eligible. Our High Adventure trips can be expensive, so this is a way to save up for a few years and have a nice "bank account" when you are eligible for these special trips. Jim Landahl will head up our popcorn sale again this year. Thanks Jim!

FIRST TROOP MEETING: Our first Troop Meeting of the school year will be Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Brook Park school gym. Please be present, in uniform, and on time to start the year off right.

MERIT BADGE BOOKS: If you have any merit badge books out from our library, please bring them to our first troop meeting and return them to our library. If you purchased a book and are done with it, please donate it to our library. Griffin S is our librarian.

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK: We wish the Hletko family Godspeed as they move to West Bend, Wisconsin. We will miss Cooper and this outstanding Scouting family.

SUMMER CAMP: We had a swelteringly outstanding week at Lefebber Northwoods Camp last month. Our Scouts earned 117 merit badges and 12 rank advancements. The troop also earned the Super Troop Award. We are grateful to our adult leaders who gave up their time for our Scouts: Dale Machacek, Earl Baum, Chris Blackburn, Mark Camasta, John Danajka, Mike Duerkes, Mike Hornung, Robert Harry, Ken Knasiak, Bob Knight, Mike Malloy, Ray Mizura, John Payne, Loren Shearer, Eric Smith, and Chuck Snyder. Thanks to Grant Geisert, Dean Maggos, and Ralph Siordia for driving and spending part of the week with us. We also had two of our Scouts on the camp staff this summer, Andrew Bell and Nathan Smith.

PATROL CONTEST: Congratulations to Zack H and the Bison Patrol for winning our patrol contest, having attained the best inspection scores for the week.

ORDER OF THE ARROW: Congratulations to Jordan C, Nick D, Michael K, Matthew P, Mason S, and Committee Chairman Mark Camasta for being elected to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor camping society. They will have the opportunity to undergo their ordeal for full membership in fall.

OA FALL FELLOWSHIP: The Pachsegink Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will have its annual Fall Fellowship at the Adventure Camp in Rochelle on September 16-18, 2011. All OA members are invited to attend. Ordeal members may seal their Brotherhood, and new candidates will go through their Ordeal. Contact Mr. Machacek for reservations.

SUMMER CAMP NOTES: While at Camp, thanks to Earl Baum for completing Scoutmaster training; the troop won the volleyball competition; Mr. Snyder was second in the chili cook-off; the troop finished second in the camp wide game; Ryan D won the Black Arrow award for the most improved archer; and six members completed the mile swim: Eric Smith, Patrick T, Cooper H, Joe T, Anthony L, and Brandon S.

DUFFEL BAGS: If you have not yet returned your summer camp duffel bag, please return it to Mr. Machacek or bring it to our first meeting later this month.

SHAKEDOWN: Before going to camp we had a very successful Shakedown Training Day at Pratt's Wayne Woods. Thanks to all of those people who assisted at the Shakedown by leading a session, driving, and providing lunch.

ADVANCEMENT: Those of you who attended Summer Camp did an outstanding job of advancing in rank and earning merit badges. Let's keep up the momentum. Get started on some merit badges before the end of summer and let's get those partials finished up.

HARRINGTON BEACH: Back in June we had a campout at Harrington Beach State Park in Belgium, Wisconsin. Of course it was the coldest weekend of the entire summer! That didn't stop some brave souls from experiencing the cold waters of Lake Michigan. Thanks to Dale Machacek, Ken Knasiak, Eric Smith, Allen Baum, Bob Knight, Chuck Snyder, Dirk Fletcher, and Loren Shearer for driving and camping with us.

THANK YOUS: Thank you to Tim Klump for providing new locks for our trailer; and to Pack 90 for lending us a dining fly for our use at summer camp.

IDEAS: We are always looking for ideas for new and different activities for both weekends and troop meetings. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. If you have an interesting hobby or vocation that might interest our Scouts, why not share it at a troop meeting. If you have any friends or co-workers who are in Scouting or work with other youth groups, find out what they do and where they go. We are always interested in variety and new program ideas.

PATROL MEETINGS: Each of our patrols is to have a patrol meeting each month in addition to our normal troop meetings. It is the responsibility of every patrol member to attend the monthly patrol meetings. Patrols can work on advancement, merit badges, plan for upcoming campouts and troop meetings, etc. Patrol leaders will be keeping and reporting attendance at patrol meetings so we know who is and is not attending. Advancement will be delayed if you miss too many patrol meetings. It is part of the Scouting experience.

SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT: Our first regular campout of the year will be on September 23-25, 2011. We will attend the All District 21st Century Camporall at the Scout Adventure Camp in Rochelle, IL. There will be competitions, games, and shows for all Scouts. More information will follow.

ADVICE FROM A DEER

While at Summer Camp this year we had daily visits from a number of deer, both does and fawns, right in our campsite.

Look both ways before crossing the road

Be a good listener

Know when to lay low

Be at home in the woods

Tread lightly on the earth

Take time to browse

Leap over obstacles

Don't pass the buck!

