

# TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** This month we celebrate the 105th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States and the 61st Anniversary of Troop 90. We also commemorate the birthday of Scouting's founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, on February 22, 1857.

**ANNUAL DINNER:** Come to Troop 90's Annual Dinner on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Brook Park Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 PM. We will have a great meal, present awards, and enjoy the magic of Gary Kantor. Please return your reservation form by February 18th.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Don't forget our Rummage Sale on March 27-28, 2015 at Brook Park School. Continue to save those unwanted treasures and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same and to shop with us on March 28th. We will need the help of all parents and Scouts on the day of the sale and during our setup on Friday March 27th.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** Our February Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Brook Park School. All parents are welcome to attend.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Birthday Greetings to Ryan E (Feb. 10); Ryan K (Feb 15); and Ben F (Feb. 20). Have a great day!

**SUMMER CAMP:** We have a good number of Scouts already signed up for our week at Camp Lefebber, July 11-18, 2015. There is still time to get your \$50 deposit in and join us. Parents, we need you to sign up too! Spend some quality time with your son in the Northwoods.

**CAMP LEFEBBER:** Unfortunately the Three Harbors Council has decided to close Camp Lefebber, our summer home for the last seventeen years, after the 2015 camping season. The Committee has begun plans to visit other camps in the Midwest area and chose a new camp for 2016. If anyone has input on summer camps, please let us know. If you would like to help visit camps this summer also let us know of your availability.

**MEETING PLANS:** February 4 - Road Runners; February 11 - Vikings; February 18 - Bisons; March 4 - Raptors.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** At the recent Voyageur Trace Recognition Banquet, two of our leaders were honored. ASM Alan Baum was presented the Voyageur Trace Distinguished Service Award; and Chuck Snyder was presented the Distinguished Commissioner Award. Congratulations to these deserving Scouters.

**CROSSOVER:** As we cross over new Scouts from Cub Scouts later this month, please make these new members and their families welcome as you meet them.

**ICE SKATING:** We had seventeen Scouts and two alums spend a night at the Franklin Park Ice Rink. Thanks to Dale Machacek, Carl Block, Tina Caruso, Kate Fletcher, Jeremy Heer, Dean Maggos,

Mona Towner, John Payne, the Kissels, and the Landahls for driving, skating, and chaperoning our Scouts.

**SKIING:** Twenty two skiers and boarders participated in the Ski and Snowboard trip to Cascade Mountain last month. Temperatures were warm, making for a pleasant day. Snow conditions were good, thanks to Cascade's snowmaking operations. Ryan K and Justin P were first -time skiers and they took a lesson to help them get started. Everyone had a great time, and we enjoyed a meal together at Culver's on the way home. Thanks to Pat Easterday, Jim Landahl, Ken Picard, Mike Kissel, and Lorette Consolo for driving; thanks to Nathan Smith, John Payne, J.T. Payne, Chris Blackburn, and Danny Blackburn for chaperoning and to Eric Smith for coordinating this event for the fifteen straight year!!

**TOMO-CHI-CHI:** Join us for our second indoor camp at Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls on February 27, 2015. We will be highlighting Rocketry during the weekend. Scouts will be given a model rocket to build AT THEIR PATROL MEETING. Then on Saturday, we will spend the day shooting those rockets skyward. Permission slips are due on February 11, 2015. We will need some dads to drive and camp with us.

**INDIAN MOUNDS:** We had a cold, clear winter weekend at Indian Mounds Reservation last month. We had our annual patrol contest with our Scouts competing in fire building, orienteering, semaphore, first aid, and lumberjacking. William G's Viking Patrol was the winner, and the Vikings also won our annual Dessert Bake-off. They made a delicious cornbread with a maple-bacon frosting. Our Scouts are definitely improving their baking skills. Thanks to Dale Machacek, Bob Knight, Ken Knasiak, Chuck Snyder, Grant Geisert, John Gauger, Jim Landahl, Mark & Michael Camasta, Loren Shearer, and Troy Fields for camping and driving with us.

## **AS WE CELEBRATE THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BSA, LET'S LOOK AT SOME INTERESTING HISTORY:**

- 1910 - William Boyce incorporates the Boy Scouts of America
- 1911 - First Boy Scout Handbook is printed
- 1912 - Sea Scouting formed, Boy's Life started, first Eagle Scout is presented
- 1916 - Order of the Arrow is founded
- 1918 - West Suburban Council is formed in LaGrange
- 1930 - Cub Scouting is organized
- 1933 - Exploring for older boys is founded
- 1937 - First National Jamboree is held in Washington DC
- 1941- Webelos rank established
- 1950 - First Boy Scout postage stamp is issued
- 1954 - Troop 90 is formed
- 1964 - Boy Scout Memorial in Washington DC is dedicated
- 1969 - Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
- 1979 - National office moves to Irving, Texas; Florida Sea Base is opened
- 1982 - Tiger Cub program started
- 1993 - West Suburban Council merges, forming Des Plaines Valley Council
- 1998 - Venturing Program started for older boys and girls
- 2002 - National Scout Museum opens in Irving, TX
- 2009 - 12th Edition of the Boy Scout handbook is published
- 2015 - Four councils merge to form the Pathway to Adventure Council