

TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER



RUMMAGE SALE: Saturday, March 19th is our annual Rummage Sale at Brook Park School. Bring your treasures to the school on Friday, March 18th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Plan to spend some time with us helping to set up for the sale. You will be contacted soon to sign up for a shift on the day of the sale. Remember, the biggest movers are clothing, tools, electronics, books, furnishings, etc. We cannot sell mattresses or pets, and we do NOT want any Christmas trees, bicycles, or televisions. Do not bring any monitors without checking with Mr. Block in advance.

Tell your friends and neighbors to save their rummage and shop with us.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR: Join us on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Brook Park School to honor Matthew Patton with Scouting's highest honor, The Eagle. This is an inspiring ceremony that ALL scouts and parents should see. Please help us honor this fine young man.

WELCOME: This month we welcome ten new scouts into Troop 90: Stephen B, Sebastian D, Chris H, Jack K, Kyle L, Brenden O, Bryant S, Athanasius S, Connor S, and Dominick T. We hope you have a long and enjoyable Scouting career.

NO MEETING: There will be any Troop Meeting on Wednesday, March 30th due to spring break.

COMMITTEE MEETING: Our March Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at The Block's house, 302 Uvedale Road, Riverside. All parents are welcome to attend.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday this month to Anthony C (March 1); Jake B, March 6; John F (March 13) and Mr. Machacek (March 8). Have a great day!

MEETING PLANS: March 9 – Bison; March 16 – Sharks; March 23 – Eagle Court of Honor; April 6 – Scorpions.

ANNUAL DINNER: Our Annual Dinner last month was a great success, with good attendance, great food, and an outstanding performance by the Traveling World of Reptiles! Thanks to Ann Geisert for arranging the dinner.

GET READY FOR CAMPING: On Saturday, April 9th we need to check all of our camping equipment before we start our outdoor camping season. Tents and flies need to be checked, patrol bins cleaned and restocked, and the trailer cleaned and repacked, please be at Brook Park at 9:00 AM. We should be done by noon. We can use some adult help too! Since we have almost two months before our first outdoor campout, this is a good time to get those sleeping bags cleaned and to make sure your personal camping gear is in good shape too.

EAGLE TRIVIA: How many Eagles were awarded in 2015? What state produced the most Eagles? How did Illinois do? What was the average age of the Eagle Scouts? How many hours were spent on Eagle Service Projects? Answers on Page 2.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Family Campout will be August 26–28, 2016 at Starved Rock State Park. Join us!

SPRING CAMPOUTS: Get set for a great Spring camping season. This year we will be camping at the Rochelle Adventure Camp, Potato Creek State Park, and Indiana Dunes State Park. Plan on joining us for all of these venues.

EAGLE TRIVIA: There were 54,366 Eagles awarded in 2015. Utah had the most with 5,765. Illinois was way down with 1,663. The average Eagle is 17,34 years old, and there were 8,503,337 hours spent on Eagle Service Projects in 2015!

SUMMER CAMP: Signup for Summer Camp is well under way. Your \$50 deposit is due NOW. The balance of the camp fee is due April 13, 2016. Adults, we need your deposits also. We may also need some drivers each way. Please help out.

SHAKEDOWN: There will be a MANDATORY Training Day for all scouts attending Summer Camp as part of our June campout at Indiana Dunes. We will be training scouts on the Patrol Method, Fire Building, Camp Cooking and Sanitation, Knife & Axe Safety, Tent Setup, Equipment, and Packing. All scouts going to camp MUST attend. Clear your schedules now for the June 10-12 weekend. Baseball, soccer, etc. is NOT a valid excuse.

SUMMER UNIFORM: All scouts attending Summer activities must have a COMPLETE Summer uniform consisting of Scout shorts or switchbacks, short sleeve shirt, scout socks, Troop 90 neckerchief, and belt. Check with Kate Fletcher and see what is in our uniform exchange.

CAMP MEDICAL FORMS: All Scouts and adults attending camp must have a complete physical exam. The form is on our website under the Resource tab. Last year's form is NOT acceptable. Medical forms are to be turned in by June 1, 2016. Call your physician and make your appointments now so you are not late!

TOMO-CHI-CHI: We had 21 scouts and 5 adults spend a beautiful weekend at Tomo-chi-chi Knolls in Huntley last month. Our patrols had a First Aid Meet in the morning, won by the Viking Patrol. The afternoon saw a massive Capture the Flag game throughout the park. We then celebrated Thanksgiving in February with a delicious deep fried turkey feast. Thanks to Dale Machacek, Ken Knasiak, Bob Knight, Chuck Snyder, and Tim Klump for camping with us and to Dirk Fletcher, Ryan Monahan, Michaela Sertler, and Pat Easterday, for driving.

NEW PATROL LEADERSHIP: New leaders have been selected for our patrols:

<u>PATROL</u>	<u>PATROL LEADER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>
Bison	Ryan E	Patrick C
Road Runners	Jake G	Ian K
Scorpions	Jim M	John F
Sharks	Ryan K	Matthew C
Vikings	Sam F	Alex M

Thanks to our previous patrol leaders, Matt T, Griffin S, Michael M, and Sean K, who will now serve as mentors for our new leaders.



