



# TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER

**FAMILY CAMPOUT:** Our annual Family Campout will be at Starved Rock State Park, near Utica, Illinois on August 26-28, 2016. Spend the weekend hiking some of Starved Rocks 13 miles of trails, 18 canyons, and 14 waterfalls. Visit the local towns for antiquing, museums, wineries, and more. A reservation form is enclosed. Join us for a great weekend of Scout camping.

**FIRST MEETINGS:** Our Troop meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Brook Park School gymnasium. Please be present and in uniform. Our first PLC Meeting will be Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mr. Machacek's house.

**COMMITTEE MEETING:** Our first (and most important) Committee Meeting of the year will be on TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016 AT 7:00 pm at the Block's (302 Uvedale; Riverside). We ask that all Committee members and interested parents attend as we plan our 2016-2017 Scouting year.

**FAMILY NITE:** Our first Family Nite of the year will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Brook Park School. We will present a LOT of awards, highlight our 2016-2017 program, and see presentations on our summer trips on the Great Lakes Sailing Adventure and Lefebber Northwoods Camp.

**SUMMER BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday this summer to Sam F (July 3); Edgar V (July 8); Anthony L (July 15); Daniel S (Aug. 8); Sean K (Aug 17); Connor S (Aug. 17); and Athanasius S (Aug, 26), Have a great day!

**POPCORN:** Troop 90 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 a few years and have a nice "bank account" when you are ready for these trips. Some scouts have paid for 3 trips by selling popcorn. More information to come.

**EAGLE PROGRESS:** Congratulations to Patrick C and Griffin S for successfully completing their Eagle Boards of Review. Upon approval by the National Council, we will be scheduling an Eagle Court of Honor in fall to honor these fine young men.

**OA FALL FELLOWSHIP:** The Pachsegink Lodge or the Order of the Arrow will have its annual Fall Fellowship, September 9-11, 2016 at Camp Dan Beard in Northbrook, IL. All OA members are invited to attend. Ordeal members may seal their brotherhood in the Order and new candidates will go through their ordeal.

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**SUMMER CAMP:** We had an outstanding week at Lefebber Northwoods Camp, with 38 scouts and 12 adults enjoying great weather (no evacs!) in the north woods. Our scouts earned 76 merit badges and 14 progress awards. The troop earned the Super Group Award and finished second in the race for the John Lefebber Cup in the campwide game. We are grateful to our adult leaders who gave up a week of their time for our scouts: Dale Machacek, Earl Baum, Matt Fouts, Grant Geisert, Ken Knasiak, Bob Knight, Greg Markus, Ryan Monahan, Loren Shearer, Mason Shearer, Chuck Snyder, and Mike Stenson. Thanks to Joe Tamburello and Tim O'Toole for spending part of the week with us, and Nathan Lath, and Mike Towner for driving.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW:** Congratulations to Patrick C and Jay H and Mr. Jim Landahl for being elected to Scouting's Honor Camping Society. They will undergo their ordeal for full membership this fall.

**PATROL CONTEST:** Congratulations to the Road Runner Patrol (Jake G, PL) for winning the weeklong campsite inspection contest. Great job!

**TRAINING:** Thanks to Kevin Markus, Mike Stenson, and Chuck Snyder taking basic leadership training while at Cam Lefeber.

**DUFFEL BAGS:** Please return your cleaned duffel bag to Mr. Machacek or bring them to our first troop meeting.

**JUNE CAMPOUT / SHAKEDOWN:** Before going to camp we had a very successful Shakedown Training Day while camping at Indiana Dunes. A big thanks to those who led training sessions and provided lunch. Thanks to our adult campers: Dale Machacek, Bob & Donna Knight, Ken Knasiak, Nathan Lyth, Mike Stenson, Troy Fields, Greg Markus, Tim O'Toole, Eric Smith, Chuck Snyder, Grant Geisert, and Joe Tamburello. Also thanks to Mike Towner and Dean Maggos for driving.

**ADVANCEMENT:** Those of you who attended Summer Camp did a great job 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 finish up those partial badges.

**HIGH ADVENTURE:** In June ten of our scouts journeyed to northern Michigan to spend a week aboard The Retriever, a 52 foot ketch on the Great Lakes, sailing through the Straits of Mackinac and into Lake Huron. Thanks to Ken Knasiak and Jim Landahl for accompanying our scouts.

**CREDIT CARDS:** Troop 90 will now be accepting credit cards for payment of campout fees and other activities. Go to our website, and on the calendar page there is a link to each activity with a permission slip. Follow the instructions there to use your card. We will still be passing out a hard copy permission slip for those who prefer cash or check. Any questions on the credit procedures can contact Chris Valadez at 312-545-4669.

**MERIT BADGE COUSELORS:** Are you interested in helping us out by serving as a merit badge counselor? There are about 130 different badges we need counselors for. Contact Mr. Machacek or Mr. Knasiak for details.

**PATROL MEETINGS:** Each patrol is to have a patrol meeting each month in addition to our troop meetings. It is the responsibility of EVERY scout to attend the monthly meetings. Patrols can work on advancement, merit badges, plan for upcoming troop meetings and campouts, etc. Patrol leaders will be keeping and reporting attendance at all meetings.

**IDEAS:** We are always looking for new and different ideas for both weekend activities and troop meetings. If you have 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 friends or co-workers who are in Scouting or work with other youth groups, find out where they go and what they do. We are always interested in variety and new program ideas.

## ADVICE FROM A FIREFLY

Time for "lightning bugs" to be making their annual appearance!



Be full of bright ideas

Pulse with excitement

Have a healthy glow

Delight in summer evenings

Keep a childlike sense of wonder

Set a shining example

**LIGHTEN UP!**

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