



2017

## TROOP 90 NEWSLETTER

**FAMILY CAMPOUT:** Our annual Family Campout will be at Wood Haven Lakes in Sublette, Illinois on August 18-20, 2017. Spend the weekend swimming, boating, hiking, enjoy-

ing Troop 90's delicious cuisine, and getting to know Scout families. Reservations are due by August 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a great Scouting weekend.

**FIRST MEETINGS:** Our troop meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Brook Park School gymnasium. Please be present and in uniform. Our first PLC meeting will be Monday, August 14, 2017 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 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Bloock's (302 Uvedale; Riverside). We ask that all Committee members and interested parents attend as we plan our 2017-2018 Scouting year.

**FAMILY NITE:** Our first Family Nite of the year will be on Wednesday September 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Brook Park School. We will present a LOT of awards, highlight our 2017-2018 program and see a presentation on our week at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. Refreshments will be served.

**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 for a few years and have a nice "bank account" when you are ready for these trips. Some scouts have paid for 4 trips by selling popcorn! Nathan Lyth is taking over as our Popcorn Kernel, More information will follow,

**SUMMER BIRTHDAYS:** Sam F (July 3); Daniel S (Aug. 8); Isaiah S (Aug. 16); Xander K (Aug. 16); Sean K (Aug. 17); Connor S (Aug. 17); Atanasius S (Aug, 26). Have a great day!

**SUMMER CAMP:** We had an outstanding week at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation with 35 scouts and 14 adults enjoying great weather in the north woods. Our scouts earned 83 merit badges and 3 progress awards, and finished second in the camp wide game competition. We are grateful to our adult leaders who gave up a week of their time for our scouts: Dale Machacek, Earl Baum, Jeremy Kinka, Ken Knasiak, Bob Knight, Mike Koukol, Nathan Lyth, Greg Markus, Ryan Monahan, Tim O'Toole, Mike Stenson, John and Krystal Steiner. Thanks also to Jay Baird, Carl Block, Grant Geisert, and Joe Tamburello for spending part of the week with us.

**ORDER OF THE ARROW:** Congratulations to John F, Ian K, Alex M, Kevin M, Thomas W, and Mr. Ryan Monahan for being elected to the Order of the Arrow. Scouting's Honor Camping Society. They will undergo their ordeal for full membership this fall.

**PATROL CONTEST:** Congratulations to the Shark Patrol (Ryan K, PL) for winning the weeklong campsite inspection contest. Great job! Thanks to Mr. Kinka for serving as our inspector for the week!

**TRAINING:** Thanks to Nathan Lyth, Mike Stenson, and John Steiner for completing the Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills training class at Summer Camp.

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

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**JUNE CAMPOUT / SHAKEDOWN:** Before going to camp we had a very successful Shakedown Training Day at Illini State Park. A big thanks to those who led the training sessions and provided lunch. Thanks to our adult campers: Dale Machacek, Jay Baird, Ken Knasiak, Bob Knight, Jackie Magsaysay, Greg Markus, Ryan Monahan, Tim O'Toole, Eric Smith, Chuck Snyder, John & Krystal Steiner, Mike Stenson, and Mona Towner.

**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 any partials you may have.

**KANE COUNTY COUGARS:** We had a small, but enthusiastic crowd and saw the Kane County Cougars beat the Quad City River Bandits 7-4 on a beautiful summer night last month.

**PATROL MEETINGS:** Each patrol is to have a patrol meeting each month in addition to our regular troop meetings. It is the responsibility of EVERY scout to attend the monthly

meetings. Patrols can work on advancement, plan for upcoming troop meetings and campouts, etc.

**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.

We've probably all watched some fireworks this summer, either on Independence Day or at our Kane County Cougar trip. Let's take some **ADVICE FROM FIREWORKS**



**LEAVE A LITTLE SPARKLE**

**WHEREVER YOU GO, SHOOT  
FOR THE STARS**

**DON'T LET YOUR LIGHT FADE  
BE BRILLIANT!**

**HAVE A BLAST!**

**GO OUT WITH A BANG**