



1. **TROOP ADULTS -** Reminder ~ If you are an adult going to Boundary Waters Canoe Area next summer, or thinking about Summer Camp in 2012, or the February Mid-Winter

Trip to Milwaukee and environs, you will need to complete your Youth Protection Training. If you have taken it in the past, it's only good for 2 years. No adults or scouts who will turn 18 before 1/31/12 will be able to re-register in Dec/Jan without providing an up-to-date YPT certificate at that time. Check with Mr. Jim Haupt for your completion date. The link for the training:

<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp>



2. **HAPPY JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS** to: James Bentley 7/2, Bryan Reppenhagen 7/11, Jacob Soullier 7/11, James Connolly 7/15, Nathan Zolynsky 7/20, Ryan Kujawa 7/21, Andrew Kozlowski 7/28, Mr. Bill Dobson 7/2, Mrs. Beth Soullier 7/11, Mr. Dave Briggs 7/21, Mr. Ray Rauen 7/28 AND Alex Stratton 8/4, Ross Pajak 8/6, Mike Galeana 8/21, Ryan Burk 8/27, Mike Nicolas 8/29, Mrs. Karen Schramm 8/4, Mr. Craig Koponen 8/6, Mr. Craig Moeller 8/14, Mr. Dave Burdette 8/22, Meg/Tom Venn 8/29.

3. **PARENT ORIENTATION - What's next for our second year scouts?** will be held Mon., Sept. 12 from 8:20 - 8:50 p.m. for boys and parents who graduated from the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Program in June. This is the time to find out WHAT'S NEXT! Mr. Bill Dobson and Mr. Jim Seay will explain the expectations for advancement, leadership, service projects and activities now that your son is no longer in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Program. You will also meet Mr. Sam Mazzara who keeps the records for 1<sup>st</sup> Class to Star, and Star to Life Advancement.

4. **LIFE SCOUT REQUIREMENT - For Star Scouts to advance to Life, there is a requirement to teach a scout skill to a first year scout.** Mr. Dobson and Mr. Seay will be allowing Star Scouts the opportunity to meet the requirement at the Scout Basic Campouts. We will only have a limited number of openings ( 4 ) per campout to do this. Slots will be filled on a first come basis. See Mr. Mazzara for further info and to sign up. Scouts needing this requirement are: Jared Bowers, Ryan Burk, James Connolly, Kyle Coughlin, Jack Jones, Alex Lee, Nigel Markwart, Jordan Nesler, Ross Pajak, Alex Stratton, Brendan VandeKieft, Nick Zilincik.

5. **NEW EAGLE SCOUT ~** Lucas Albright has been verified as an Eagle Scout by the National Council of the BSA and his Eagle Investiture Ceremony will be held at the November Court of Honor. Congratulations to Luke!

6. **CAMPING MERIT BADGE** will begin immediately, on Tuesday, 9/6 for the following scouts who don't have Camping, and who are at least Star or Life scouts, and no more than 7 nights of tent camping remaining to complete the 20 days and nights in tent (only 1 summer camp counts, and nights still needed are listed): Mr. Ray Rauen, Mr. Dave Burdette and Mr. B will be counselors this year!

Nick Bousquette	0	Jared Bowers	7	Brian Hanley	0	Nigel Markwart	7	Ross Pajak	7	Alexander Stratton	4
Steven Bousquette	0	Ryan Burk	0	Jack Jones	6	Jordan Nesler	0	Kyle Reppenhagen	1	Brendan VandeKieft	6
Dustin Bowers	3	Zach Dobson	7	Alex Lee	7	Grant Pajak	0	Adam Ross	5	Nick Zilincik	0

7. **COURT OF HONOR ADVANCEMENT-** All Court of Honor awards and COH Programs which were not picked up in June will be available at the 1<sup>st</sup> scout meeting in the fall, Tuesday, Sept. 6. See Mr. Sam Mazzara for awards, and Scribe Ryan Burk for programs.

8. **PHILMONT HIGH ADVENTURE** was also a great 16 day trip by Amtrak train to Raton, New Mexico. Much credit goes to Mr. Craig Koponen, Mrs. Carol Koponen, Mr. Mike West, Mrs. Julie West, and Mr. Pete Tsaprazis for their leadership and planning to make this high adventure happen. Thanks, too, to Grant Sweeney who served as Crew Leader on the trip.

9. **PERMISSION BLANK/INFO SHEETS ~** for the Sterling State Park on Lake Erie near Monroe, MI. on Sept. 9-10-11 and Scout Basic 1 campout at Bishop Lake on Sept. 24/25 are included with this Aerie, and will also be posted on the Troop Web Page

10. **JUST A REMINDER -** we also collect used eyeglasses, and no-longer used cell phones as well as weekend newspaper coupons too, once you've finished with them. Bring any of these items in to a troop meeting. The **SAVE** coupon packet that is delivered with the mail usually includes a coupon from Nankin Hobby for propane refill special, and we can use these on propane tanks for the cook trailer.



11. **NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE 2012** to the wilds of Boundary Water Canoe Area in northern Minnesota has three filled crews at this point. Our first meeting will be on September 19, from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. The year's payment schedule will be distributed to the group and sizes for shirts and jackets will be determined at that time. \$100 payment due!

12. **RANK ADVANCEMENT-** If you intend to advance a rank to Star, Life or Eagle, you must have participated in at least three troop activities and a service project during the previous calendar year, to be considered "active" in our scout troop! If you're working on Star or Life Rank and have questions about merit badges, leadership or service hours, contact Mr. Sam Mazzara. Life Scouts working on your Eagle, with questions about advancement, eagle project, etc. contact Mr. Bill McCarley or Mr. Dave Burdette who are the Troop Eagle Chairmen.

13. **EAGLE PROJECTS -** a reminder...although you may put together a plan for an Eagle project anytime after your Life Board of Review, you cannot begin working on it until the Eagle Project write-up has been approved and signed by Mr. Bill McCarley, or Mr. Dave Burdette, Eagle Chairmen, and Mr. Bill Bowman, Adult TLC Chairman. Mr. McCarley will get it approved, signed by a member of the Sunset Advancement Committee - then you may begin work on the project. If you want a notice about your Eagle Project in the Aerie, asking for scout volunteers, get an email or announcement, in writing, to Mr. B four or five days before the date you want the info out. Be sure to review the new advancement guidelines for Eagle on the Great Lakes' Council website.

**PLAN TO GET YOUR EAGLE THIS SCOUTING YEAR ~**

All paperwork turned in 9/19 - SM Conference Sun. 9/25 - Board of Review Mon. 9/26 - Court of Honor 11/07

All paperwork turned in 12/12 - SM Conference Sun. 12/18 - Board of Review Mon. 12/19 - Court of Honor 2/13

All paperwork turned in 4/16 - SM Conference Sun. 4/22 - Board of Review Mon. 4/23 - Court of Honor 6/04

GROANER: How long can a frog stay under water? Until it croaks!

14. **EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT** – Keith Bouffard is working on the final week of his Eagle Project this week. We expect that each scout in the troop will participate in several service projects during the scouting year, and they will often be highlighted in the Aerie when we have the information. Anyone who needs service hours or would just like to help on this project is welcome to come. Volunteers of all skill levels and ages will be needed. Any amount of time you can volunteer is appreciated! Meals, snacks and beverages will be provided. Wear old clothes. All tools will be supplied. You can contact him at (734) 377-1879 (734) 377-1879 or email keitheagleproject@gmail.com if you can help him out. Your help will be greatly appreciated!  
 Project: Renovation of children's nursery  
 Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
 When: Week of August 14  
 \*Mon 8/15- 11am to 9pm  
 \*Tue 8/16- 11am-3 pm and 5pm to 9pm  
 \*Wed 8/17 11am-9pm  
 \*Thu 8/18 11am-3pm and 5pm to 9pm  
 \*Friday 8/19 11am-9pm  
 \*Saturday 8/20 11am-9pm
15. **CAMPING MERIT BADGE NOTES** - Oct. 7-8-9 -will be the Camping Merit Badge weekend at the troop Scout Pavilion. In addition to the outdoor requirements for the merit badge, Mr. Ray Rauhen will also to complete the requirement for GPS usage and a Topo map, and Mr. Tom Szpond ~~may complete the requirements for the use of backpacking stoves and water purification~~ Be sure that it's on your calendar if you're taking this merit badge.
16. **TROOP DUES FOR SEPT. '11 – JUNE '12** – Annual troop dues are being collected now, through Thanksgiving. Dues for the year are \$30, and should be paid to Mr. Bob Magill– checks made payable to: Troop #782. Dues are \$3 a month for ten months, and are used to purchase awards earned by scouts during the year, to help purchase program supplies, patrol patches, troop equipment to pay for the electricity in the Troop Garage, and to help subsidize those activities which do not break even. Dues are not the same as the \$35 re-registration fee which will be collected in December, which then registers a boy in scouting (or \$15 for an adult) for the following year.
17. **INACTIVE IN 11 - 12?** If you've decided not to be active in the troop this year, please give Mr. B a call, so he can adjust the troop records, take your name off the troop patrol roster, etc. (734591-1127 or [jkbeb@att.net](mailto:jkbeb@att.net)) If you've changed home phone, or email address since the spring, this is the time to bring that information up to date.
18. **COMPLETE UNIFORMS** – We expect each scout to be in complete uniform including belt and scout socks at each troop meeting and/or scouting activity. **USED/EXPERIENCED UNIFORMS** - If you have outgrown uniform pants or shirts, we'd be happy to accept them as donations for the troop uniform bank.
19. **INFORMATION** on **MERIT BADGE PROGRAMS AT CRANBROOK** or **THE DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER** will be distributed early in September, thanks to Mrs. Cindy Immonen who will coordinate Off-site merit badge programs again this year.
20. **NEW PATROLS** – Patrol membership will be announced at the 1<sup>st</sup> scout mtg. on 9/6. Scouts new to the troop this past spring will continue in the Panther Group with Alex Lee and Kyle Sweeney as Troop Guides, in the Scorpion Group with Tonino Cercone and Ross Pajak as Troop Guides and in the Fox Group with Kyle Reppenhagen and Nick Zilincik as Troop Guides. Everyone else in the troop in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade is assigned to a patrol. Patrol Leaders will have patrol patches to distribute before the end of September.

CLEAN UP PATROL ~ 9/6 Panther ~ 9/12 Scorpion/Fox ~

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



**SCOUT IT OUT!**

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| 8/29      | Adult Leaders' Program Planning Dinner– 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity  |
| 9/9-10-11 | CAMPOUT – Sterling State Park near Monroe, MI on Lake Erie         |
| 9/12      | Scout TLC Mtg. 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.                                    |
| 9/12      | Parent Orientation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Program 8:20 – 8:50 p.m. |
| 9/19      | Order of the Arrow Mtg. 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.                           |
| 9/19      | Northern Tier Mtg. 9:00 – 9:30 p.m. \$100.00 payment due!          |
| 9/24-25   | CAMPOUT Scout Basic #1 Bishop Lake, Brighton Recreation Area       |
| 9/26      | Christmas Greens Sale Begins Push Cart Races                       |
| 9/24-25   | Scout Basic #1 - Bishop Lake, Brighton Recreation Area             |
| 10/7-8-9  | CAMPOUT Camping Merit Badge #782 Troop Pavilion                    |