



TROOP 93 Newsletter

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October 2008

Upcoming Events

Oct 15	Troop Meeting 7:30 Scout Building
Oct 17-19	Virginia Creeper Trail 5 PM Scout Hut
Oct 22	Jelly Beans-Scouts Youth Protection - Parents Scout Building
Oct 25	Eagle Workday 9-1 St. Bart's Church
Oct 29	Troop Meeting 7:30 Scout Building
Nov 5	Troop Meeting 7:30 Scout Building
Nov 12	Troop Meeting 7:30 Scout Building
Nov 13	PLC and Committee Meeting 7:00 Scout Building
Nov 14-16	Backpacking Trip McAfees Knob
Nov 19	Troop Meeting 7:30 Scout Building

A Scout is Brave **Lions Club Event**

The troop shares the scout hut with the Lions Club. They will be holding a Diabetes program on November 20th from 7-8 PM at the hut. They are also conducting a canned food drive for the C.O.R.A. food bank so please donate to this worthy cause if you can.

Youth Protection

On October 22 the youth will be going skating at Jelly Beans in Cary for a fun night. We would ask that parents take this time to preview the Youth Protection video at the scout hut. This video will be shown to the boys at the October 29th meeting, along with a diversity workshop.

Merit Badge Changes

There has been a decision to tighten up accountability on merit badges. This is an attempt to keep the boys focused on their goals. Many blue cards are issued for merit badges which may be partially completed and then forgotten or put aside for years until a candidate nears Eagle. Since there is concern that they are not getting all they can from a merit badge when done this way, the troop will start tracking the date of blue card issue. After 6 months the scout will be

interviewed to determine the status of the merit badge- both to remind and encourage them to complete it, and to make an evaluation on whether discernable progress is being made. If not, the review board (including the merit badge counselor) may decide to take appropriate action, which may be to invalidate any partially completed merit badges.

Dues over Due!

The yearly dues are past due now! The dues are \$25 for adult members and \$50 for boys. Only 34 out of 50 boys and 16 out of 50 adults have paid so far.

Leader Training

New Leader Essentials will be held October 4 from 9-4 at Jonesboro Methodist Church. University of Scouting Adult training will be held November 1. The cost is \$25 and you can register on line through the district calendar.

Virginia Creeper Trail

The bike trip to the Virginia Creeper Trail will be Oct 17-19. Trailers will be used to bring the bikes up. The bike impoundment will take place at the October 15 meeting so that they can be loaded on the trailer ahead of Friday's departure. Be at the hut at 5PM on Friday.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting is November 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Scout Hut.

As is always the case, the meeting is open to all adults. This is a great opportunity to get information and

present information, ideas or concerns to the troop committee. All adults with a position within the troop should attend and provide an update.

Popcorn

Teri Smith has agreed to be our popcorn kernel for next year!! Yeah Teri! Sharon Smith has gone way beyond the call of duty in continuing to do this very important job for the troop. Thank you Teri! The popcorn sales are ongoing. The popcorn will be delivered after November 15th.

Summer Travel

The troop is going to Ottari this summer. The Ottari facility also includes Mountain Man and New River Adventures for the older scouts. In addition scouts may go to other camps without the troop. The troop also has an 8 person crew going to Sea Base in Florida August 14-20 and has applied for two crews for Philmont in New Mexico. The Sea Base crew needs to pay \$375 by November 1.

Missing Troop Equipment

The quartermaster reports that all of our Dutch ovens are gone. The troop owned 4 or 5 a couple of years ago. They have slowly gone missing over time. Please check to see if you could have one at home. We think that various scouts took them home to clean and forgot to return them. They are not labeled. The boys really enjoy the cobblers that are made in these at campouts.

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