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Scoutmaster Moment

Well, another summer camp has come and gone! We had a **very** warm week and surprisingly few heat related issues.

The boys held up very well. There were a few bouts of homesickness, which the boys managed to work through, as well as, some prickly heat. (I haven't had that since I was a kid until now, and I was in the Gulf in 90-91).

The boys did a lot of things, and hopefully have had enough time in the cool air conditioning and have gotten enough restful sleep to tell you about their adventures. The teenage boys did the ACE program and were mountain boarding down

the hill to the campfire ring, the First and Second Year boys did Trailblazer and should all be close to Tenderfoot through First Class Rank now. (They need to get their books updated and start talking to me about Scoutmaster Conferences and Mr. Duff about Boards of Review.)

The boys earned an amazing hundred merit badges between them! They all survived and should be ready to go for the next year.

Camp next year will most likely be in Newark, Ohio or Louisville, KY - we are still working on getting details on that, but we know we will not be local next year.



I am proud of the job the boys did and look forward to a Court of Honor in September.

We have a lot of awards and formal rank presentations to give out.

~ Mr. Stevens

A Boy Scout is:

Helpful

"A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward."

Chaplain's Corner

It is hard for me to believe that the summer is almost over. I hope that it has been a good summer for all of you. From what I am being told Summer Camp was a lot of fun, and provided many of you the opportunity to advance. I remember my first summer at Camp. It was my first long stay away from home. I remember that during part of the week, I felt like I had been away from home for a whole month. But then it was time

to go swimming and I forgot all about it. I know it was hard for my mother also; it was like a preparation for the day when I would leave home to go away to the seminary high school. Summer, just like the school year can also be a time of learning. What we learn may not be found in textbooks, but in our day to day activities. We have to learn to get along with others. The scout law guides us in this learning experience. For

those who found it a little difficult at first to be away from home, and those who never gave it a thought - there is still time for some good quality family time. To put it another way, it is time to make memories, not just pictures to save on our i phone, but memories to keep in our hearts. God's blessing to all of you and your families.

~Deacon Michael Thomas



It's time for Boy Scout Popcorn! This is currently the one fundraiser offered from which proceeds directly benefit the troop. Other fundraising efforts usually jointly benefit the troop and boys (mulch sales), or solely benefit the boys (Fish Fry). The more successful the boys are in their fundraising efforts, the more they can do as a troop. Additionally, they may also defray their re-registration fees, and can receive either Scout Bucks, which

Fundraising

may be used for purchasing items at the Scout Shop, or other various "prizes" - including gift cards.

Our Troop will start selling on the "Early Sale" dates on August 15. Boys must collect funds for the popcorn at the time of the order (checks payable to Troop 452). They can also set up an on-line order web-page to send via email to family and friends who may live out of town.

We will have forms

and information very soon, and encourage each boy to do their very best. Their effort equals program opportunities.

~ Mr. Feist



"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens."

~ Robert Baden
-Powell

* WOW—the boys were incredibly busy at Summer Camp (despite the oppressive heat) – and to date, have earned 108 merit badges, with many "partial" requirements completed. Additionally, we have many of our boys ready for Scoutmaster Conferences and Rank Boards of Review. (Remember, boys must ask for these!) We hope to have a Court of Honor in the next month, so the boys can start wearing these Merit Badges with great honor and a tremendous feeling of accomplishment.

* Special congratulations to the

Advancement News

following individuals in our troop as they were elected by their peers for consideration to the Order of the Arrow (OA) brotherhood: Mr. Stevens, Adam S., Benjamin G, and Robby D. It is indeed an honor to be recommended for inclusion to this elite group - elections will take place for 2012 OA Candidates after the first of the year.

As background information, in 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to

Scouting and the community. Once again congrats to these scouts.

* All boys need service hours for rank advancement. There is an opportunity for boys to start on this path by working Cub Scout Day Camps, working on Scout Service Projects, and by volunteering at this year's Cub Scout Spookeree. The boys need to see Mr. Stevens, Mr. Stegmann, or myself for upcoming opportunities - but they need to hurry, as opportunities will close out soon.

~ Mr. Duff

Troop Committee and Calendar Notes



We'd like to answer a question that has been asked recently - What exactly is the Troop Committee? The Troop Committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the Scoutmaster and Scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities. The committee also has the responsibility to provide adults for boards of review. This is an important responsibility and is one area where help is always

needed and appreciated. The committee consists of parent volunteers who fulfill various roles on the committee. Please contact Mrs. Archer if you'd like to help this committee.

Looking Ahead:
August 9 - Board of Review Training - Troop Hall 7pm
August 16 - Troop Committee Meeting - 7pm
August 19-21 - 2011 OA candidate campout
August 26-28 - Ft. Ancient/

Service Project/Zip-Line Weekend
August 27 - Aviation Merit Badge at Clermont County Airport

Aug/Sept - Court of Honor
September 20 - Troop Committee Meeting - 7pm
October 22 and 29 - (2-10 pm) - Spookeree Volunteering - See Mr. Duff ASAP if interested.

~ Troop Committee