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Scoutmaster Moment

As we get closer to Summer Camp, I thought now would be a good time to give you some helpful information.

During Summer Camp, the boys will be very busy, but may have some moments of homesickness. This generally will occur at night, when they have some time to reflect on their day. It is critically important for parents to use the weeks leading up to their Camp stay to let them know how much fun they will have. Please refrain from telling the boys that you will miss them (even though you will), as they will become fixated on that fact and will become more homesick. Every year, there are boys who become "homesick", and we want to assure you that we have successfully helped the boys deal with this issue without the need to call home.

Summer Camp is one

of the many steps toward adulthood, in which the boys learn their own coping mechanisms. Their success in this will bring forth new-found confidences that will serve them well as they follow their scouting career.

There is a "No Electronics" policy for camp, therefore, boys are not to bring electronic equipment to camp, this includes cell phones. (IPODS may be used during "off times" - as long as they do not include a phone/email). Electronic devices can lead to distractions and may cause injury.

Additionally, it is important to make sure the boys start/end each campout/event from the troop hall - no exceptions. BSA rules and insurance require this and **all** scouts must help load/unload the supplies used at the campout. Parents who help transport the boys must make sure they are



"cleared" by the scoutmaster for transportation of any scout before/during/after the campout. This is for the safety and protection of the boys.

~ Mr. Stevens

A Boy Scout is:

Loyal

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout Leaders, school, and nation.

We Need You!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will be sending you a "Talent/Resource Survey" to see how you may be able to assist with the boys.

One of the things that will be offered, is another training session with Assistant Scoutmaster Lee Stegmann on conducting Boards of Review. Each boy will be required to be inter-

viewed throughout their scouting career to attain each rank. For those that will attain the rank of Eagle Scout, this will amount to 7 Boards of Review for each scout! The Boards of Review are conducted by parents and Troop Committee members—So We Need You!

The next Board of Review Training Session will be

either July 12 or July 26. (Final date will be determined shortly, so look for a separate email with that information.) The training takes an hour and will help us by having an adequate "pool" of adults to assist boys with their rank advancements.

Hold the above dates on your calendar and we'll see you then. ~Mr. Stegmann

THANK YOU and Donation Update



A huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful parents (and others) for the outpouring of support to update, upgrade, and replace equipment that is outdated or missing. Some of our parents bought items for the troop from our last list, so we've updated the "need" list below:

- 4 - 32qt. (2.5 gal) kool-aid dispensers
- 2 - Rubbermaid Storage Containers (No vent holes so they're "critter proof")

- approx. 18-20 gallon size
- 1 - Regular Camp Stoves (Coleman - Dual Fuel)
- 1 - Regular sized Coleman coolers (Blue/white - no wheels)
- 4 Bowling Pins

The Troop's Trailer is in the finishing stages of becoming a double axle trailer to handle more equipment and support the accompanying weight. Special pricing for

needed hardware and donations of time and expertise from friends and families of our scout troop made the tandem axle addition a possibility. Naming all of these individuals would take more space than we have available in this newsletter - they know who they are...so please accept this public newsletter as our heartfelt **THANK YOU** from the Troop and Boys!

~ Mrs. Gallivan and Mrs. Bak

"We must depend upon the Boy Scout Movement to produce the MEN of the future."

- Daniel Carter Beard



Congratulations to all of the scouts who were awarded with over 50 Merit Badges at the last Court of Honor. Summer Camp will present another opportunity for many badges to be earned. However, the boys will need to make sure that they are aware of any requirements that must be completed prior to Summer Camp. Some of the Merit Badges offered at camp will not be completed in their entirety,

Advancement News

as many have Pre-Requisites. If you are unsure of these pre-req's, see Mr. Duff for assistance.

Scouts do not need to wait until Summer Camp to earn/work on Merit Badges. Mr. Duff is available to make suggestions for Merit Badges and to help locate Merit Badge Counselors - some of whom may already be with the troop!

And finally, congratu-

lations to all the boys who were recognized for rank advancements at the last Court of Honor—especially the young men who joined the troop a few short months ago. Coming to meetings, working with your Patrol, participating in campouts/events, and meeting with the Advancement Chair and Scoutmasters will help you along your scouting path.

~Mr. Duff

Calendar Updates

Looking Ahead:
June 9 - PLC/Leadership Meeting (boys know who they are) at Sycamore Park in Batavia—7:30 pm

June 21 - 7:00pm - Troop Committee Meeting (Parents Welcome)

June 25 - Campout/Canoe Trip

June and July - Fishing and Rifle Merit Badges offered at Bass Pro Shops (individual registration required - see Mr. Duff)

July 17-23 - Summer Camp
July 22 - Parent's Night at Summer Camp - 5-10pm - Camp Friedlander
August - TBD

There will be many more calendar items added in the coming weeks, so look for a separate email with a full calendar of events soon.

~ Mrs. Duff