

# Troop 452

## Newsletter

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## Scoutmaster Moment

We have placed the new Patrol boxes in service, they seemed to work well. They do need some minor repairs on them. Once finished, the Patrols will get to choose a "theme" for the boxes. We will be marking them with Patrol numbers and the Troop name. The Patrol can then decorate the boxes (with approval of content). We will be changing out some hinges and making the lids open differently. We will also be looking at side shelves for the boxes too.

We are now the largest Troop in the US Grant District. This is a wonderful opportunity, and yet difficult to manage. As such, we have added another Assistant Scoutmaster - Mr. Bryan Gallivan. Mr. Gallivan has already seen two of his sons through the troop and has two additional boys going through now. Mr. Gallivan has been given the task of equipment maintenance and will help the boys understand proper storage and usage of the equipment. Assistant Scoutmaster Lee Stegmann has been concentrating on the newer scouts' patrol and has indicated they are coming along wonderfully.

In June, we will have the "survival" camp out, at a location in the New Richmond area. This is an excellent opportunity for scouts to work on various requirements for rank, learn leadership skills, and (if they get a



**First Class Scout  
Rank Emblem**

blue card from me) work on Camping Merit Badge.

Summer Camp is right around the corner, so look for a flurry of emails as we get closer to this campout.

Boys will have an opportunity to earn many merit badges - if they put forth

the effort to do so. New Scouts will be in the Brownsea program, where you will have 1 hour in the morning and one in the afternoon for merit badges. We highly encourage you to fit in First Aid and Swimming Merit Badges in those 2 times - as earning these merit badges open up so many opportunities for you in your first year.

There is a lot coming up, so start thinking about what kind of things you want to do for the next year and let your Patrol Leaders know, we will be setting the program for 2013 at summer camp. Bring your ideas as this is your Troop. If you want to do things YOU consider fun, then YOU need to pick the events, not me. If left to the adults, I'm sure we won't pick things you would enjoy.

Jack Stevens  
Scoutmaster

## Looking Ahead

Please keep in mind some of the following important dates:

**June 11-16, 2012** - US Grant District Cub Scout Day Camp

**June 16-18, 2012** - Survival Campout in New Richmond

**June 19, 2012** - Troop Com-

mittee Meeting

**July 1-7, 2012** - Summer Camp at Camp Falling Rock in Newark, OH

**July 13-15, 2012** - STM July Fest

**July 17, 2012** - Troop Committee Meeting

**August** - Date TBD - Canoe Trip

**August 21, 2012** - Troop Committee Meeting

**September/October 2012** - Court of Honor

**October 12-14, 2012** - Peterloon Campout.



*“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”*

~ Baden Powell



## Attention: NEW SCOUT PARENTS!

The Troop Committee would like to invite all of our Scout Parents - Especially our New Scout Parents - for an informational session dedicated to answering all (or at least most) of your questions and to let you know what to expect now that your son has crossed over from Cub Scouts.

We understand that the Boy Scout Program is much more complex and can be terribly confusing! We want to formally welcome you into the scouting family and let you know what to expect, where to go for information, people to contact, and how to stay involved in your son's scouting career. Please know that your son will get so much more from scouting,

if you are also involved in some way. Learn about what opportunities are available for you - whether you have 1/2 hour once a month to help, or an entire week! The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm at More Martyr Hall (Troop Hall) – Blue Room. We'd like all the new parents to join us and any others who would like a refresher!

## Summer Camp Information

Summer camp will be at Camp Falling Rock in Newark, Ohio, July 1-7, 2012. While specific information on what boys will need will be imparted to them at the scout meetings prior to camp, there are some things that you may wish to pick up to avoid the last minute scramble. Especially while

camping supplies are currently in stock at local stores.

Additionally, please encourage your son to have a good time and to enjoy experiences that he normally might never get to enjoy. While we know you will miss your son, it's impor-

tant that he not feel as if you will be miserable without him. That will make any home sickness worse. The adults in charge of this campout are well versed in handling home sickness issues and will only call you if medically necessary. You will have emergency phone numbers too.

## A Boy Scout is: KIND

It is important for the boys to understand the meaning of the Boy Scout Oath, Law, and Motto - by not just memorizing the words, but truly understanding and living all

parts of these foundational principles of Scouting.

This edition's Featured Point of the Scout Law:

**A Scout is KIND**

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

# Scouting TIP



Summer time is the PERFECT time for the boys to work on merit badges. Boys may (and should) work on multiple merit badges at the same time - providing they have gotten a signed

**Recycle this past year's school binder!**

blue card from one of the Scoutmasters. The Scoutmaster may recommend that a scout wait before starting a particular merit badge as some merit badges are recommended for first or second year scouts (like Scholarship), while others are recommended for third year and older scouts (like Lifesaving). However, while working on

merit badges, scouts may get overwhelmed by the worksheets, keeping track of requirements, and what's been finished or not.

Here's a quick tip – get a 2 or 3 inch 3-ring binder with pocket dividers that can be used to keep merit badge requirements and supporting documents organized and close at hand. A highlighter can be used to signify finished requirements as well.

**Remember to always start with the end goal in sight.**

**Goal setting, is an important part of a scout's journey.**

## Funding Scout Accounts

The Troop currently has "Buy It In Clermont" Discount Coupon Books For Sale.

Each Coupon book has over \$3500 worth of savings or free items. In addition, a bonus multi-use card is also included - absolutely free.

Each Coupon Book costs \$20.00.

For each book sold, your scout will get \$8.00 credited toward his scout account.

Please email, call, or see Mr. Feist for more information and to obtain one (or more) of these books.



## SCOUT REMINDER

Scouts - Don't forget that many of you started the Merit Badge - **Personal Fitness** - back in December. If you stayed on track, your 90 days are done and you should be ready to schedule a meeting with Mr. Anderson for your final sign-off of this Merit Badge.

For those who missed meeting with

Mr. Anderson in December, please see Mr. Duff to get a phone number in order to set up a time to get started on this **EAGLE REQUIRED** merit badge. Mr. Anderson is a local merit badge counselor that has worked with our troop before on many other occasions.

Also, don't forget that within our

own parents and volunteers, you may have access to merit badge counselors on topics that may interest you. See Mr. Duff for a list of counselors or to discuss what might fit with your interests.

Parents with an interest in helping by becoming a merit badge counselor should see Mr. Duff as well.



**Eagle Required - Personal Fitness Merit Badge**



**"Train them, trust them and let them lead."**

**~ Baden Powell**

**As Adults, Summer Time is also a great time to get training and become involved within the troop. If your interest is to just work with the boys within our troop, to work with any boy in the Cincinnati Area, or to be a driver and haul boys and gear to a campout, we have an obligation to provide our boys with adults officially certified via BSA and our Charter Organization. More details on changes coming to Youth Protection Training via our Charter Organization will be available soon...stay tuned.**

**At any time, should you have any questions, please email Troop Committee Secretary, Shari Duff, at [duffsr@yahoo.com](mailto:duffsr@yahoo.com). She will direct your email to the proper person within the organization.**



## Advancement News

At April's Court of Honor, the boys were awarded with over 80 merit badges that had been earned since October 2011. They were also formally awarded any rank advancements as well. Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and dedication to moving forward on their path through scouting.

Summer time offers some wonderful Volunteer Opportunities for boys needing service hours (most ranks require a service hour component). Below are a couple of upcoming opportunities, but deadlines are fast approaching - so see Mr. Duff if you are interested.

- CIT (Counselor in Training) @Cub Scout Day Camp - East Fork State Park - June 11-16, 2012.

- July Fest for the STM Festival - Boys and Parents will be needed to assist throughout the weekend of our Charter Organization's Festival. The festival is July 13-15, 2012.

A special congratulations to Troop Committee Member Mr.



**Boys May Volunteer at Cub Scout Day Camp as CIT's. This year's logo is above.**

Steve L. and Scout Cameron L. for their induction and "tap out" into Scouting's Honor Society - Order of the Arrow - during the Grassy Run Rendezvous Campout.

While Summer Camp at Camp Falling Rock offers many Merit Badge options, there are "pre-requisites" that should be completed prior to camp, so that scouts may come out of camp with completed merit badges (and not partials). Please check with Mr. Duff or Mr. Stevens on what those pre-requisites may be.

The National Jamboree "Shakedown" will be July 13-17, 2012 at Summit Bechtel Reserve. If your son is interested, please see Mr. Duff ASAP.