

Troop 452 Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 2

Spring 2014

Scoutmaster Moment

Contact Information:

Scoutmaster
Mark Duff -

macduff5@yahoo.com

Charter Organization
Representative (COR)
Dee Archer -

Archerdj@yahoo.com

Website:

www.scoutlander.com

Inside This Issue:

Scoutmaster 1
Moment

Looking Ahead 1

WAY TO GO! 2

Service Reqs 2
and Do a Good
Turn Daily

Summer Camp 3
and MB
Changes

Merit Badge 3
Opportunities

Scouting and 4
Boy Scout
Trivia

Summer is upon us, and with that, the best time for scouting! We have a lot of great activities planned this summer! Summer camp, a 50 mile canoe trip, and seeing the Live Action Drama, Tecumseh. It is going to be fun!

This year we are taking 38 boys to Camp Crooked Creek outside of Louisville, Kentucky. Please make sure your son completes all of his prerequisites before camp. Parent night is Friday night. We would love for you to come for a visit, however, that does not mean your son gets to go home on Friday night. We do NOT leave until Saturday morning. There is a lot of work that is done that last morning, and if you take

your son, that is more work for everyone else!

I wanted to take a moment and talk to you about leadership. This is a boy led troop. That means the boys make the decisions, plan the campouts, and run the troop. Baden Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts said, "The Patrol Method is not one way to run a troop, it is the only way! Therefore it IS our way! As adults, we will guide and train our leaders, but they will lead. At times they will fail. This is part of the learning process. Leadership is both rewarding and frustrating, and there will be times they come home very frustrated. Feel free to talk to him about his frustration, as we will also. I assure you they will develop new ways to accom-

plish tasks and goals as they become more comfortable leading. We as adults must remember to step back and let them lead. We must not rob them of this opportunity to learn!

If you have any questions about youth leadership, the patrol method, or anything scouting, please ask one of the scoutmasters.

Leading By Example,

~ Mark Duff, Scoutmaster



Looking Ahead - Important Dates

Please keep in mind some of the following important dates:

June 14, 2014 - Amazing Race Fundraiser for Troop

June 18, 2014 - Troop Committee Meeting - More Martyr Hall

June 22-28, 2014 - Summer Camp—Crooked Creek Camp, Louisville, KY (PLC Meeting at Camp)

July 7-11, 2014 - CIT Opportunity At Cub Scout Day Camp—US Grant District

July 11-13, 2014 - July Fest at STM. Volunteers Needed during/ after event for Trash Pickup.

July 15, 2014 - Troop Committee Meeting - More Martyr Hall

July 18-22, 2014 - 50 Mile Canoe Trip - Little Miami River

August 1-12, 2014 - Sea Base High Adventure Camp

August 2014 - Tecumseh Outdoor Drama and Campout—TBD

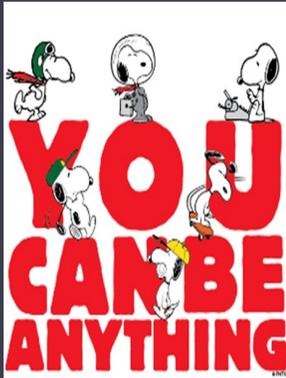
August 19, 2014 - Troop Committee Meeting - More Martyr Hall

August 26, 2014 - PLC Meeting

September 2014 - 50th Anniversary Celebration for Troop

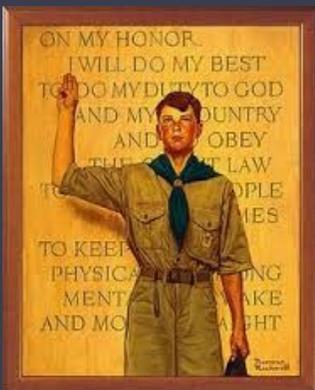
September 2014 - Survival Campout - TBD





“It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

- George Washington



CONGRATULATIONS AND WAY TO GO!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 6 Scouts and 2 adults recently “called out” at the Grassy Run Campout for the Order of the Arrow (OA). Six of our 8 inductees recently attended their Ordeal and completed a service project that will benefit the Boy Scouts of Dan Beard Council. The OA is an honor society within Boy Scouts that provide Cheerful Service to others and have grand get-togethers. Congratulations to these young men and women for representing Troop 452.

WAY TO GO! To our scouts willing to attend National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) the week before Summer Camp. Their training will make our troop so much better as a boy led organization.

AWESOME JOB - Benjamin Gallivan for his 3rd Eagle Palm and Rob Duff for his 1st Eagle Palm. Truly an awesome job gentlemen! Kudos to Kadin Locher for completing his Eagle Project. (Now where is the ADVIL????)

Service Requirements

As a reminder, all scouts need to work service hours for rank advancement. Hours worked where they receive direct benefit, do not count. For instance - Fish Fry profits, mulch sales, and Buy It In Clermont Books directly benefit the scouts and their scout accounts, so those hours do not count as true “volunteer hours”. However, helping with Flying Pig, Amazing Race, and Eagle Projects, do count toward volunteer hours and rank service hour requirement...and

they are a heck of a lot of fun - with the added benefit of being a fundraiser for our troop.

Another opportunity is through becoming a CIT (Counselor in Training) at the local US Grant District Cub Scout Day Camp at East Fork Lake. This is a quick way to obtain service hours (and go home to air conditioning each night). Talk with Mr. Duff and the Assistant Scoutmasters for information on this opportunity.



A Boy Scout MUST...

... Do a Good Turn Daily.

But what exactly does this mean?

This does not mean that you should do just one Good Turn during

the day and then stop. It means you should always be looking for extra opportunities to help others, quietly and without boasting. Remember that a Good Turn is an act of kindness, not just something you do be-

cause it is good manners. Good Turns should be done for family, friends, adults, children, and especially for those that are not able to do the task themselves.

Summer Camp Tips

Summer Camp is fast approaching, and here are a couple of tips, tricks, and “pearls of wisdom”.

DO - Label or place your scouts initials (all three) on their clothing and “stuff”. If something is found, it will be easier to get it back to the rightful owner.

REMEMBER - Scouts are responsible for their own gear. Campsites will be inspected on a regular basis and found items - outside of the scouts personal tent - may be lost forever.

DO - Remind scouts that this is their outdoor home for the week and there are no maids (or moms) to pick up their stuff. Also, the common area of the campsite is not the “catch all” for jackets, raingear, clothing, towels and the like. Scouts must remember to put away their own things and keep track of them. It is not the adults responsibility to guard it, nor will they. Start practicing now - some of our moms have some great teaching techniques to deal with this if you are interested.

DON'T - Bring anything other than equipment or clothing that is suggested or required.

DO - Bring completed pre-requisites, anything required for the remaining requirements (some items may include: jeans, boots, long-sleeved shirts), and scout books to camp (preferably in a Ziploc bag with name and troop number on the outside of the bag).

DO - Consider a sling bag or day bag for the scouts to carry what they will need for the day including a towel, sunscreen, hat, scout book, pre-requisites, etc.

DO - Consider sending all the scouts gear in a footlocker or larger Rubbermaid/Sterite Container (if you utilize this method, ask Mr. Duff about the size acceptable for transport - remember, the scout must carry his own gear).

DO - Remind scouts that they represent the troop and the charter. Any inappropriate behavior may result in your scout calling you to come and get him.

DON'T - Tell your scout that you will miss him - we know that you will. It is far more important to tell him that he will have an awesome time and will have wonderful new adventures to tell you all about.

DON'T - Send him with a lot of cash or an expensive camera. It will rain, scouts will lose things, and cameras tend to get dropped.

DO - Have your scout bring a Decent Water Bottle. The biggest issue that most scouts face is not hydrating themselves enough.

DO - Know that your son will be fine, but will not be permitted to call home, even if they are homesick. This is part of the growing up process and will help them with appropriate coping skills. Skills for life include leaving home and knowing that everything is okay until they get back. The adults who will be attending have many years of experience dealing with homesick scouts and will help them cope, but they will not be calling home unless they need your assistance with a health or medical issue.

DON'T - Do not send your son with a cell phone. It is a distraction to the rest of the scouts and will promote homesickness. Cell phones brought to camp, will be locked in a vehicle for the duration of camp and returned when we get back at the end. It is important for your son to experience all that camp has to offer without the distraction of any electronics.

DO - Encourage your son to come with a positive attitude. The right attitude will make sure he has a great time and accomplishes a lot of learning and networking.

“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.”

~Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Merit Badge Highlights And Changes

In addition to the new merit badges listed below, BSA has announced plans to release a several more, including Animation, Signs Signals and Codes, Multi-Media, Computer Aided Design, and Advanced Computing either later in 2014 or in 2015. Check out www.usscouts.org for all the latest changes and details.

NEW Merit Badges issued during 2013:

Game Design Programming

Sustainability (one requirement was changed after the badge was introduced.)

NEW Merit Badges being issued in 2014:

Mining in Society - Released on February 24, 2014

Digital Technology (Replacing Computers) - Released on April 16, 2014
Signs, Signals, and Codes *
Animation * (*To be released soon)

Merit Badge to be DISCONTINUED on January 1, 2015:

Computers (Replaced by Digital Technology)

RENAMED Merit Badge:

Moviemaking (Replacing Cinematography)

New Mining in Society Merit Badge



Scouting

A scout should always strive to do his very best in everything he does. As parents, scout leaders, and merit badge counselors, it is our job to encourage and guide our young men - so that the next generation of scouts will continue in the footsteps of those passed.

A special thank you to all of the parents who go on trips, assist scouts in rank advancement by sitting on boards of review, setting up and participating in fundraising opportunities, being merit badge counselors, being scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters, and “hanging out” to provide us with brainstorming ideas and workers when needed. YOU ARE THE BEST!



Web Address: www.scoutlander.com

Boy Scout TRIVIA

Question: What is the History of the Peterloon Jamboree /Campout in Dan Beard Council?

Answer: To truly answer this, we need to start at the beginning, because this is fascinating!

John J. Emery was the largest real estate magnate and developer in Cincinnati and primarily responsible for revitalizing Cincinnati after the Great Depression. He commissioned and built The Carew Tower in downtown Cincinnati in 1929, which was the largest building west of the Alleghenies at that time.



Mr. Emery built his wife (an original Gibson Girl) and family a home on 1200 acres on Hopewell Rd. in the Indian Hill area of Cincinnati. The 4- story Georgian -Art Deco style home - with 39 rooms, 21 bathrooms, and 19 fireplaces - was completed in 1930. He named this Estate “Peterloon”.

Mr. Emery was a founder of the Cincinnati Country Day School, a trustee and important benefactor of the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Boy Scouts of America Vice-President in the Cincinnati Area.

His Estate hosted so many Boy Scouting Jamborees, that the scouts and campouts became known as “Peterloons”. The Jamborees were continuous throughout his life and have continued beyond.

Mr. Emery, his wife, and chil-

dren built their holdings with the understanding that they needed to make lives better for others. As such, upon the death of the patriarch's second wife in 1979, the Estate and most of the fortune was put into the Peterloon Foundation, to maintain the Estate and continue philanthropic work.



The truly amazing quandary - from where did the original name “Peterloon” derive? No one but the current President of the Foundation knows the true origin, as it is a closely guarded family secret.

Picture credits - to the left—the Peterloon Estate, courtesy of Peterloon.org, and above, Mr. John J. Emery, courtesy of the Peterloon Facebook Page