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Scoutmaster Moment

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Hello Troop 452!

It is hard to believe summer is already here! But I am so glad it is, because summer means FUN!

The highlight of summer is Summer Camp. This will be my 12th year of summer camp and I am very excited! Summer camp is a time where your son will grow, learn, and sometimes be challenged. It is a long time to be away from home; however, scouts are so involved in activities that there is not much time to think of home. Throughout the day, scouts take between five and seven merit badge classes. In the evenings, there is open shooting, climbing, swimming and many other fun activities. More information about camp will be coming

out in mid June. But I promise, it will be the most fun your son will have all year!



I wanted to take a moment and welcome the new members and their families to Troop 452! This is your troop and we want you to be as involved as your son. In fact, we need you to be involved for this troop to be successful. We need you as members of the committee, as drivers, for service projects and fundraisers, and some of you as leaders. So please ask how

you can help, because WE NEED YOU!

Also, I want to make sure all parents and scouts understand what is going on in this troop and with scouting. My leaders and I have taken all the required training and much more. We all know how a troop is supposed to be run as well as the opportunities that exist for your son. So if something is not clear, or you just want to know more about something, please ask! If I do not know the answer, I will find it!

I want your son to get the most out of this program and I look forward to serving him and you! So let summer begin!!!

Yours In Scouting,

~ Mark Duff

Looking Ahead -Important Dates

Please keep in mind some of the following important dates:

June 6, 2015 - Root Beer Float Fundraiser for OA (don't need to be an OA member) - Amelia Kroger - 10:30 am -5:00pm

June 5-6 & 12-13, 2015 - Scuba Certification - Columbus

June 14, 2015 - First Aid Merit Badge—1 pm—7pm—Scout Hall—RECOMMENDED for all FIRST YEAR SCOUTS or anyone wanting a refresher.

June 19, 2015 (Evening) - Amazing Race Setup—Loveland—Scout Service Hours

June 20, 2015 - Amazing Race Troop Fundraiser—Loveland—Scout Service Hours. Help needed by adults and scouts. All Day—Look for shift sign ups.

June 2015—TBD—Troop Camp-out

July 5-11, 2015 - Summer Camp— All Week

July 10-12, 2015 - July Fest Troop Fundraiser—Need Adult Help on Friday night, Scout and Adult Help on Saturday and Sunday. STM Festival—Service Hours.

August 2015—TBD—Troop Shooting Campout

September 2015—Survival Campout

September 2015—Hudy Run Fundraiser

Troop Committee Mtgs - 3rd Tues

PLC Mtgs - Last Tues/Monthly - 6pm



BOARDS OF REVIEW

One of the “final” pieces to the puzzle for a Scout’s journey through Rank Advancement includes a Board of Review. This Board of Review, commonly called a BOR, consists of parents and other adults associated with the Troop (not Scoutmasters). These individuals act as the quality control committee for the scouting program, by making sure that the scouting program is meeting the scout’s needs, allowing the scout an opportunity to voice any concerns, and asking the scout what they would like to see in their troop. This is also an excellent way to teach the scout how to communicate with adults and learn what an interview might be like. Because each of us cannot sit on our own scout’s Board of Review, we need each parent to take some time to sit on Boards of Review weekly, for the sake of the scouts, by allowing them to advance when they are ready, and not making them wait too long between requesting the BOR and obtaining one.



“Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.”

~ George Patton

A Boy Scout MUST...

The Scout Oath is something a Scout will memorize and recite regularly - but WHY? And what is the significance?

The Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:

- **Duty to God and country,**
- **Duty to other people, and**
- **Duty to self**

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Your FAMILY and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following

these teachings, you do your duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: Keeping yourself physically strong means taking

care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. **Staying mentally awake** means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being **morally straight** means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.



Scouts—Do You Need Service Hours??

Remember that Rank Advancement from First Class to Eagle requires volunteer service hours. The OA also requires “Service to Others”. There are many opportunities through the troop, Eagle Projects, and other organizations. Be sure to ask a Scoutmaster if you will be volunteering outside of the Troop to make sure the hours

will count.

Here’s an upcoming opportunity for some service hours - The Cub Scout Day Adventure Camps (formerly called Day Camp) at East Fork State Park. Follow this link to register as a CIT (Counselor In Training): <http://www.danbeard.org>, click on the “Resources” tab, click on “Calendar”, advance the calendar to July, then click on the

Cub Day Camp during the week of July 20th, finally click on Register, follow the instructions and click on the Volunteer link.

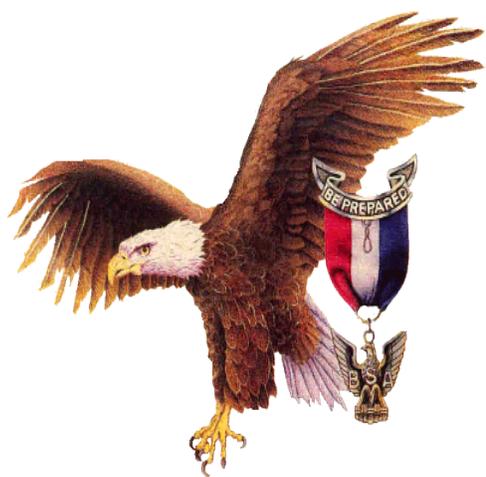
Should you have any questions, please contact one of the Scoutmasters.



“Surround yourself with great people; delegate authority; get out of the way”

~ Ronald Reagan

Eagle Congratulations and Court of Honor



Congratulations to Matthew Miller in his recent attainment of the Eagle Scout Rank with our Troop. Matthew’s Eagle Project included making and placing seating around a walkway at the Thomas A. Wildey School in Owensville. Please congratulate Matthew the next time you see him and look for information in the coming weeks or months regarding his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Speaking of an Eagle Scout Court of Honor—please join us as we celebrate the official recognition of Kadin Locher’s Eagle Scout Rank at his Court of Honor at 2pm on Sunday, May 31 at the St. Thomas More Cafeteria. Scouts should wear FULL CLASS A Uniforms for this special Court of Honor. Kadin has also earned his second Eagle Palm!

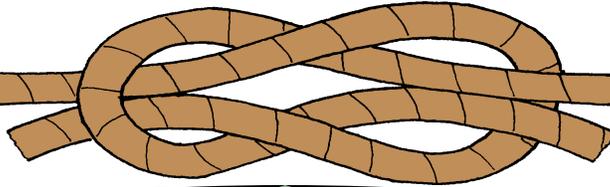
Congratulations to Rob Duff for earning his 4th Eagle Palm - recognition of this Honor means that Rob has completed 20 additional Merit Badges beyond the Eagle Required 21 Merit Badges, been active in Scouts for at least three months, continues to develop and demonstrate leadership in the troop or patrol, demonstrates Scout Spirit and live the Scout Oath and Law in his everyday life, participates in a Scoutmaster Conference, and successfully completes a Board of Review.



As we approach Summer Camp, scouts should be getting an idea about the merit badges they wish to take at Camp Falling Rock. Although this is an “open program” format, there may be merit badges available that will require some pre-work. This pre-work needs to be brought to summer camp for presentation to the merit badge counselor. See Scoutmasters for info on pre-work.

There is a Trading Post at camp as well. The Trading Post offers souvenir and comfort items such as patches, merit badge books, ice cream, soda, hats, T-shirts, and handicraft kits. Scouts can and should bring some money with them for the Trading Post. If you would like to send your scout with money, but do not want them to have access to all of the funds the first day, the scoutmasters will have a lock box that extra funds may be placed when they leave for camp.

The gathering location for departure to Summer Camp and arrival from Summer Camp will be the Amelia Middle School Parking lot this year, due to the setup and space constraints for the STM Festival. More info will follow in future emails.



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Boy Scout TRIVIA

Question? Who is James E. West?

Answer: James Edward West was a lawyer and an advocate of children's rights, who became the first professional Executive Secretary, soon re-named Chief Scout Executive, of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), serving from 1911 to 1943. Upon his retirement from the BSA, West was given the title of *Chief Scout*.

West's father died around the time of his birth. His mother was hospitalized with tuberculosis in 1882 and young Jimmie was placed in the Washington City Orphan Home; his mother died later that year. In 1883, he was also diagnosed with tuberculosis, and by 1885 he was crippled, with one leg shorter than the other. He became a voracious reader and took charge of the orphanage library. He entered public school at the fifth grade. In 1896, he attended National Law School while working as the assistant to the general secretary of

the YMCA. He was instrumental in establishing the juvenile court system, pushing a bill through Congress.

After much persuasion West finally accepted the position as the Head of BSA, on a temporary basis, and moved to New York City. The Russell Sage Foundation provided the initial funding for West to become the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. He initially accepted for a six-month tenure, but he held the position for 32 years.

The new BSA office opened in January 1911 with West at the helm and the movement began to grow at a rapid pace. Sixty local councils were organized in January and hundreds of Scoutmasters were commissioned. The office grew from six to thirty-five employees by May. One of his first tasks was the first edition of *The Official Handbook for Boys*. West was instrumental in expanding the third part of the Scout Oath:

To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

He also pushed to add three parts to the Scout Law: brave, clean, and reverent.

The highly organized national structure that West created was a key to

the BSA's growth and reputation.

James E. West, Circa 1915

