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Scoutmaster Moment

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Hello Troop 452!

What a great summer! Our boys participated in many fun and challenging activities! We had 4 scouts complete National Youth Leadership Training. This week long course teaches them the skills needed to lead other scouts. We had 38 scouts attend Summer Camp at Camp Crooked Creek. They earned well over 100 merit badges at camp. Sixteen people from our troop earned their 50 Miler Award, by completing a 51 mile canoe trip on the Little Miami River. More scouts earn the Eagle Rank than a 50 Mile Award. Five scouts and 2 adults had the experience of a lifetime at Florida's Seabase. And we will wrap up the summer with an exciting performance at the Tecumseh Outdoor Drama. Overall, this was a very exciting and fun summer.

I do want to take some time and talk about service. As scouts, we are required to give service to God, our country, and our community. But the one thing we often forget about is service to our troop. Troop 452 is very fortunate to have fundraisers that benefit the troop, as well as, the individual scout. Through fish fry, mulch, and popcorn sales, scouts can add funds to their accounts to help pay for outings, gear, or trainings. Our troop raises funds by working the Flying Pig marathon, the Hudy 14K, the Amazing Race, and July Fest. These funds pay for all the merit badges the scouts earn, purchase supplies, and replace and buy new equipment for the Troop. Without these fundraisers, we would have to ask each family to pay for the necessary items the troop needs. In addition, it is not fair that a small portion of families are attending the Troop fundraisers, which benefit all scouts. It is my expectation that

each family work at least two of our four fundraising events. This is not too much to ask, since many families work all four events. If a family does not help, then we will have to come up with another way for the family to support the troop. It is critically necessary to keep our troop supplied with the best equipment and supplies—not to mention—purchasing all their merit badges. If you have any questions regarding my expectation, please let me know, otherwise—note that our next fundraiser is the Hudy 14K in September—space is still available to help.

I look forward to the many fun and adventurous events we still have in 2014!

For The Scouts,

Mark Duff, Scoutmaster

Looking Ahead -Important Dates

Please keep in mind some of the following important dates:

August 23-24, 2014—Tecumseh Outdoor Drama and Campout

August 23, 2014—Aviation MB

August 26, 2014—PLC Meeting

September 15, 2014—Popcorn Sale Begins

September 16, 2014— Troop Committee Meeting

September 19-21, 2014—OA Fall Fellowship

September 20, 2014—Hudy Run Troop Fundraiser

September 26-28, 2014— Survival Campout

September 30, 2014— PLC Meeting

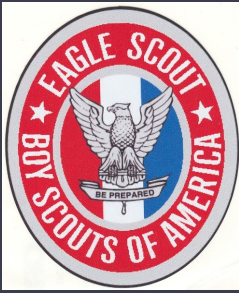
October 10-12, 2014—Peterloon Campout

October 21, 2014—Troop Committee Meeting and Popcorn Orders/Money Due

October 25, 2014—50th Anniversary Celebration of Troop

October 28, 2014—PLC Meeting





“As a young boy, scouting gave me a confidence and camaraderie that is hard to find in modern life.”

- Bear Grylls—
British
Special
Forces and
Survivalist

ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY BEST TO
DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY
COUNTRY. TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAWS,
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES,
TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG,
MENTALLY FIT, AND
MORALLY UPRIGHT.



EAGLE CONGRATULATIONS AND WAY TO GO!



CONGRATULATIONS to Troop 452’s newest Eagle Scout—Mr. Christopher Bak. His Eagle Project was completing over 30 fleece tie blankets for children admitted to the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center for extended periods of time. The blankets ranged in size and design for the very littlest of babies to teenagers. The blankets were well received at the Medical Center—WAY TO GO Chris!

We are also pleased to welcome 4-Palm Eagle Scout - Benjamin Gallivan as an adult with the troop, as he attained his 18th birthday after summer camp. Benjamin will be a wonderful resource for our scouts with his years of experience within the troop.

University of Scouting

A critically important part of our Troop is to make sure that we provide Trained adults for our scouts AND we provide trained Den Chiefs (Boy Scouts) for our Cub Scout Pack.

November 1, 2014 is the date for this year’s University of Scouting. We encourage any adult who wants to learn more about volunteer opportunities with our scouts to speak with Eric Locher regarding appropriate training opportunities for you.

support and encouragement of the scouting movement. Cub Scouts LOVE to see the older scouts.



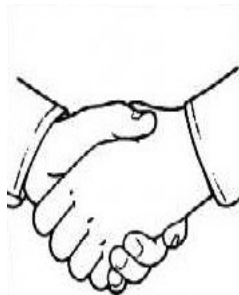
Scouts are encouraged to take Den Chief Training and volunteer time to our Cub Scout Pack as

We have quite a few of our scouts who are Den Chief Trained and hope to have many more.

Talk with one of the Scoutmasters regarding this opportunity. Registration is \$20.00 and classes run from 7:45am-4:30pm at Seven Hills School located at 5400 Red Bank Rd.

A Boy Scout MUST...

....Know how to properly execute the Boy Scout Handshake.



The Scout handshake is made with the hand nearest the heart and is offered as a token of friendship. Extend your

left hand to another Scout and firmly grasp his left hand.

Only use this handshake when both people are in uniform.

Summer Activities and Pictures

The Scouts have had a VERY busy summer of activities and while it's always entertaining to see pictures at the Court of Honor—here is a small taste ahead of time.

Amazing Race -



King for a day!

Let the Insanity Begin!



OA Root beer Float Sale -



Getting their own "Brown Cow"



The "Bobsey Twins" at July Fest

Summer Camp—"Before" Picture

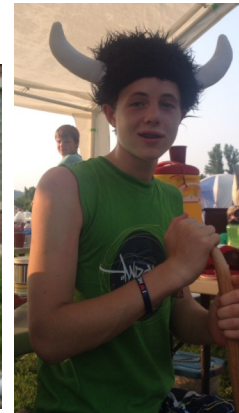


50 Mile Canoe Trip - Completed!

BSA High Adventure—Sea Base 2014



The "Grand PuuBah"



"Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best."

~Juliette Gordon Low—
Founder of Girl Scouts

HANDYMAN CHALLENGE

Handyman Challenge is a very unique opportunity to earn merit badges in the "handyman" industry. Many consider this an industry of lost skills that will be desperately needed in the near future as an entire generation of "handymen" retire.

Merit Badge opportunities at this event have included, in

the past: plumbing, auto maintenance, painting, home repair, and composite materials. This event is only available to ranks of scouts First Class and above. It is also limited to a small group of 30 scouts. The event is conveniently located at American Modern Insurance Group on Bach -Buxton Rd. Scouts can earn up to two merit badges at this event.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2014. Check with the Scoutmasters regarding registration openings.



Painting Merit Badge



Composite Materials Merit Badge

It's POPCORN TIME AGAIN!!!! Popcorn sales are limited this year to a mere 5 weeks from September 20, 2014 through October 21, 2014. All Money and orders must be turned in Tuesday, October 21, 2014 to our Popcorn Kernel—Mrs. Teresa Westendorf. More information on pick up dates and times will come via email.



NEW THIS YEAR: SCOUTS GET ALL THE PROFITS FROM THEIR OWN POPCORN SALES!



Scouts can use these funds to add to their scout accounts to help pay for re-charter fees, campouts, and other scouting events. As long as we continue to have opportunities to do general fundraising for the troop, we hope to continue allowing popcorn sales be an avenue to defray costs incurred by scouts and their families. And with a single, shorter selling season, the boys will not be competing with other groups who start selling early. You can also take advantage of the on-line sales tool for relatives and friends that are out of the local area. Look for more information soon!

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Boy/Cub Scout TRIVIA

Question: When did Cub Scouting become part of the Scouting Organization?

Answer: In England, younger boys were eager to become Boy Scouts. In 1914, Baden-Powell began implementing a program for younger boys that was based on Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. The Wolf Cub program began in 1916, and since that time, Wolf Cubbing has spread to other European countries with very little change.

In America, hundreds of Cub Scout-age boys and their families were clamoring for a program of their own. As early as 1920, Scout executives at the first national training conference discussed the needs of younger boys. The BSA, however, felt it wise to postpone any action until there was more objective evidence.

In 1925, Dr. Huber W. Hurt, a research psychologist and veteran Scouter, was authorized to study existing organizations for younger boys. He worked closely with Ernest Thompson Seton. Both men recommended that the BSA adopt a program for younger boys, with older Boy Scouts as leaders, to tie into home, church, school, and Boy Scouting.

By 1929, the new Cubbing program (it wasn't called "Cub Scouting" until several years later) was taking shape and was introduced as a demonstration project in a limited number of communities. Its structure was similar to today's Cub Scouting, except that dens were led by Boy Scout den chiefs. The plan included a neighborhood mothers' committee to encourage Cubs and den chiefs.

In 1930, Cub Scouting was formally launched, with 5,102 boys registered at the end of that first year. Cubs advanced from Bobcat (for all new members) to Wolf (age 9), Bear (age 10), and Lion (age 11) and joined a Boy Scout troop at age 12. In 1949, the age requirement was lowered to between 8 and 10 for Cub Scouts. In 1982, Tiger Cubs was started.

Cub Scouting in America is different from the younger-boy programs of other countries because it is centered in the home and neighborhood.



Picture circa 1960 with NC State Trooper, Boy Scout, and Cub Scouts