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Scoutmaster Moment

I'd like to take time to welcome all of our new parents and scouts to Troop 452 and encourage all to engage in everything scouting has to offer. At times it may seem confusing, but ask questions, stay focused, and success will be sure to follow.

An opportunity for our parents will be upcoming very shortly to spend an hour training for things like Boards of Review. Look for information and emails on this very soon. We will always be in need of trained adults.

The next Campout is our opportunity to help Cub Scout Webelo II's from our own Pack 452 with camping the "Boy Scout" way. WOW (Webelos Outdoor Weekend) is a great way to show off our troop, get these boys excited about Boy Scouts, and hopefully, consider our Troop for their Boy Scouting career. Boys were given information at this past Troop

Meeting, so if they missed it, please email us. The WOW camping weekend will be May 13-15, 2011.

As an FYI, the following is how a scout may start working on a merit badge:

- Boys must first contact the Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster for permission to work on a merit badge and receive their "Blue Card". Some MB's have pre-requisites, age limitations, or complexity issues, so not everyone may be given permission.
- Boys obtain the name/ phone number for an approved MB Counselor and contact the Counselor.
- Work begins on the MB, and when finished, the Counselor will sign the Blue Card.



- Blue Card is then given to the Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster until the next COH.

Look for more information in coming editions and don't hesitate to ask a member of the committee if you have any questions. Mr. Stevens

A Boy Scout is:

Trustworthy

Got Talent? We Need To "Tap" In!

We will be sending out a "Resource Survey" asking for your talents, interests, and finding out what opportunities you might be able to assist the Troop achieve. For example: Do you have a truck that could help haul gear to a campout or to help haul mulch bags during the Troop mulch sale? Would you be willing to haul equipment

or boys to a campout or to merit badge challenge? Do you have a special hobby or career in which you might be willing to sign up as a merit badge counselor? Do you have an interest in the Troop Committee or with Fundraising?

When you see this "Talent Survey" in a separate email soon, please take a few

moments to answer the survey and submit your answers. We ask that you answer the questions taking into account all adults within your household. This survey will be extremely helpful in keeping you active in your boy's scouting career, while helping others as well.

THANK YOU!!

Got Any Extra Pots and Pans You Could Donate?



As some of you may or may not know, our trailer and shed were burglarized last summer and fall. The criminal was caught and prosecuted, but the Troop's equipment was sold for ill gains.

Each time we go camping, we realize that we had more stolen than we thought and with the growth of the troop, we will need to either purchase new equipment, or check our own garages and cabinets to see if we have something that could be

put to good use for the boys.

A short list of items we know we need include:

- 1 New Cooler- preferably with handles, and a drain
- 4 Insulated 5 gallon Drink Coolers
- 4 - Rubbermaid/Sterite Storage Containers (No vent holes so they're "critter proof") - approx. 20 gallon size
- 2—Regular Camp

Stoves—(Coleman—Propane or White Gas (Coleman Fuel))

- 4 Bowling Pins

We know we will need to get additional items for the trailer/patrols as we complete inventory of supplies - so look for other items soon. If you would like to donate any of these items to help preserve the troop budget, please contact Marianne Gallivan or Ann Bak, Equipment Co-Chairs to make arrangements.

“When a boy finds someone who takes an interest in him, he responds and follows.”

- Lord Baden-Powell

Advancement Opportunities

One of the benefits of scouting include the constant reinforcement and practice of goal setting. It is important to let the boys figure out how to achieve the goals on their own, and as hard as it is, they may fail and will need to try again. We want the boys to be excited about the next campout, merit badge, and leadership opportunity that they'll steadily continue on to the next achievement, rank, and ulti-

mately fulfill their goals. Help your son by becoming active in his scouting experience. Research shows, if you're engaged in his interests, he'll continue on his path to Eagle Scout.

Please join us at the next Court of Honor (COH) to recognize and congratulate the boys on Rank Advancements and Merit Badge Completion. See below for information on the COH.

Also, please join us as

we celebrate and recognize 3 of our Eagle Scouts at an **Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, June 5, 2011** from 2-4pm at the STM Cafeteria. Congrats to Andrew Bak, Travis Gallivan, and Matthew Kelly for their achievement.

If you'd like to help with Boards of Review as our boys advance through ranks, please email Advancement Chair, Mark Duff at macduff5@yahoo.com.

Training and Calendar Updates



We are working on a website for our troop which will have calendars, forms, etc. so that you may look up information when it is convenient for you. As this is a brand new venture, and is basic, but we'll be updating information on a regular basis, so check back often. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact one of the following: Jack Stevens, Dee Archer, or Lee Stegmann.

Please note the following dates:

May 10 - Board of Review Training - 7pm Troop Hall
May 13-15 - WOW Weekend
May 17 - Troop Committee Meeting - Parents Welcome
May 24 - Court of Honor **Tues in May** - Troop Meeting
May 27-30 - Fishing/Fly Fishing Merit Badge – See Mr. Duff
May 27-30 - Flag Setting at Helicopter Park, Full Class A - Sign Up with the SPL
Looking Ahead:
July 17-23 - Summer Camp
July 22 - Parent's Night at

Our **Court of Honor** will held at the STM Dining Room **Tues, May 24**, with a pot-luck dinner starting at 6:30 pm and the program starting after. Full Class A uniform required. The Troop will provide the meat. Please use the following chart for your assigned pot-luck dish (last names beginning):
 A-H - Salads/Bread/Rolls
 I-R - Side Dish (mac/cheese, veggies, casseroles)
 S-Z - Deserts & 2 - 2 liters soda