

# Troop 452

## Newsletter

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## Scoutmaster Moment

Happy New Year Scouts and Parents!

2013 is going to be an exciting year with many great outings planned. From 10 mile hikes through Clifton Gorge, to Zip Lining in a cave, this year should be a lot of fun! Speaking of fun, summer will be here before we know it and so will summer camp. This year we will be attending camp at Woodland Trails in the Dayton Area from June 23 -29. This is where I attended camp as a boy, and we are staying in the same campsite, Buzzards Roost. This camp has one of the nicest lakes of any camp in the area. An important note, scouts will need to bring their own cot to this camp. The tents still sit on platforms but they do not

have a cot inside. You can usually find cots at Walmart or Dick's for a reasonable price.

The last thing I would like to talk about is uniforms. Our



**Life Scout Rank Emblem**

uniform is one of the things that sets us apart from other organizations. It shows who we are and what we have accomplished. With that said, many of the scouts are wearing uniforms without all of

their patches sewn on. While the Velcro is awesome for the rank patch, scouts need to make sure their rank is attached. The uniform does not look neat in appearance when there is a big Velcro spot on the front pocket. If you or your son has difficulty sewing, here is the number to Mary Opp, 513-752-7170. She sews patches on for a very reasonable price, and she is the mother of a 452 Eagle, Mr. Adrian Opp. Let's take pride in our uniforms! I look forward to this year and as usual, if you have any questions or concerns, at any time please ask!

Yours in scouting!  
Mark Duff

## Looking Ahead - Important Dates

Please keep in mind some of the following important dates:

**January 12-13, 2013** - Bush-Whack Hike - Clifton Gorge

**January 15, 2013** - Troop Committee Meeting - 7pm

**February 2, 2013** - Merit Badge Challenge - Bethel High School

**February 10 and 24, 2013** - Skiing at Perfect North Slope - Specific Date TBD.

**February 15, 2013** - Friday FISH FRYS BEGIN!

**February 19, 2013** - Troop Committee Meeting

**February 23, 2013** - Merit Badge Challenge - Bethel High School

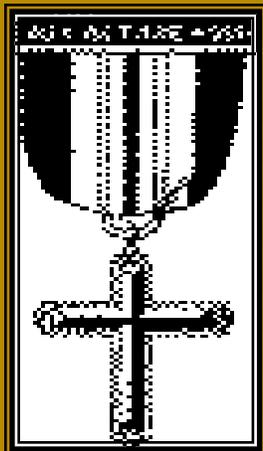
**March 2, 2013** - Summer Camp Commitments and Deposit Due

**March 2013** - Final orders for Mulch Sales Due.

**March 9, 2013** - Merit Badge Challenge - Bethel High School

**March 22, 2013** - Final Fish Fry - Cleaning of Kitchen (evening after Fish Fry).

## Chaplain's Corner



*“The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success.”*

~ Baden Powell

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and took the time to make many new and lasting memories with your family and friends.

First of all I want to thank all of you who took time out of a very busy holiday season to take part in our VIRTUS Training program. A special thanks to the adult leaders who took the training a week early so that there would be the proper coverage for the troop meeting. As matter of fact, thanks to all who have gone the extra mile in the past year to make our scouting program lots of fun for the scouts and a huge success for all of us.

Now we look forward to a New Year and new and challenging ways for all of us to continue on the scouting path to do our best. Experience new things, make new friends, visit new places. Each of these things begins with the dawn of every new day our God gives to us. Each one of those days we should begin with the prayer of Saint Benedict. “Today Lord I begin again.” And like the Child Jesus, each of us will continue to grow in grace, age and wisdom before God and, all those whose lives we touch. May God bless all of you this New Year and always.

~Deacon Michael Thomas, Parish Scout Chaplain

## Summer Camp 2013 - Save The Date!

Save the Date for the next Summer Camp - Camp Woodland Trails in Hamilton, Ohio - Reserved for the week of June 23-29, 2013...Mark your calendars!

Commitment Deposit is Due March 1, 2013. Scouts should listen for more information very soon!



2012 Summer Camp in Newark, Ohio at Camp Falling Rock.

## A Boy Scout is: CHEERFUL

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 CHEERFUL**

**A Scout looks for the bright side of things.**

**He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.**



# FISH FRY INFORMATION

The Boy Scout Troop will once again be running the St. Thomas More Fish Fry during the Lenten Season. This year the first Fish Fry will be **FEBRUARY 15, 2013**. The Fish Fry will run every Friday during Lent (not Good Friday). This is a fundraiser to help the boys offset the cost of Summer Camp or any other Boy Scouting Activities. Boys and parents are asked to help with the setup, tear-down and everything in

between, which translates to shared portions of profits based on the number of volunteer hours worked. Boys will need to be in Class A Uniform Top and Pants (no sashes please). Each scout will need to provide 2- 2 liters of soda and one desert each week. Pies are very popular. If you must bring the desert in one of your containers, please clearly mark the container with your scout's name so it may be returned to you.

Scouts need to be prepared to work until clean-up is complete. Food preparation (cooking) starts at 4pm with doors opening at 5pm. Cleanup is generally done by 9:30pm. A heavy duty cleaning occurs the last Friday—takes until about 10:30 to 11pm. Please tell your family and friends about the Fish Fry. If you would like a flyer, please email Shari Duff at [duffsr@yahoo.com](mailto:duffsr@yahoo.com) and she will send it to you.

***“The Patrol Method is not just a way to do scouting, it is the only way”***

***~Robert Baden-Powell***

## NYLT



Registration for National Youth Leadership Training is now open for any scout (with Scoutmaster Permission) age 13 and older and First Class Rank or above. This one week training follows a curriculum established by the National Boy Scouts of America to train

youth leadership.

This training is highly valuable in teaching the scouts how to be effective boy leadership within the troop. As with every

Troop meeting, outing, training, and experience, it is the hope of the Adult Leadership of the Troop, that skills for a lifetime are learned.

NYLT is offered within the Dan Beard Council at Camp Michaels throughout the summer. Early Registration must be submitted by February 4th to secure a discounted price of \$205 for this one week training. Other out of council train-

ings are also available, some at a lower cost (but further driving distance). This is NOT a Troop sponsored event, but scout account funds may be utilized to help pay for the training.

For more information, please see Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Locher for details regarding NYLT or to express interest.

## Merit Badge Challenge and Spring Court of Honor

Most of our scouts have already signed up for Merit Badge Challenge, which will start on February 2, 2013 at Bethel High School. The Scouts need to be working on any pre-requisites that have been assigned, in order to complete the Merit Badge Challenge with completed Blue Cards. Blue cards

need to be obtained prior to Merit Badge Challenge, and scouts need to provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes to the Merit Badge Counselor during the first weekend. Blue cards will be mailed back to the scout at the completion of the Challenge weekends - After March 9th. The returned and

completed cards need to be signed by one of the Scoutmasters and then given to Mrs. Tricia Moore prior to April 1, 2013, so that merit badges may be purchased for the April 9, 2013 Court of Honor. Look for dinner assignments for this Court of Honor, as we get closer to the event.





**As a Scout, you are the guardian of the woods. A Scout never damages a tree by hacking it with his knife or axe. It does not take long to fell a tree, but it takes many years to grow one, so a Scout cuts down a tree for a good reason only – not just for the sake of using his axe. For every tree felled, two should be planted."**

**~ Robert Baden Powell**



## Equipment Needs

Mrs. Gallivan has submitted a "Wish List" for the Troop. With our Troop continuing to grow, and with the need to complete the Patrol Boxes with necessary equipment, the following list is our "Wish". If you, someone you know, or an organization would be willing to make a donation of any of these items, it will take less out of our overall budgeting needs. Please contact Mrs. Gallivan if specific sizes or details are needed.

### Patrol Box Wish List Items:

4 small bottles of Clorox, 3 bottles of Hand Sanitizer, 2 Coleman Coolers, 8 D-Cell Batteries (for lanterns in patrol boxes), 3 Dutch Ovens (so each patrol may have one of their own), 1 small acrylic cutting board (to fit in a patrol box), 1 roll caution tape, 1 mull, 1 cutting



wedge for splitting wood, 4 boxes of stick matches or long handled lighters.

### The following **First Aid Supplies are also needed for the Trailer :**

Pepcid AC, Benedryl, Pepto Bismol, Neosporin, A&D First Aid Ointment, Anti-Diarrheal, Skeeter Stick, Ibuprofen, Insect Repellent, and Sterile Gloves.

Please consider this list while you are "out and about". **Our growing Troop THANKS YOU!!!!**