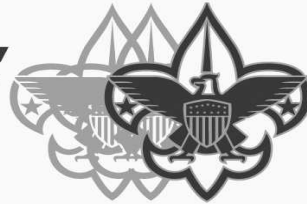




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Listen Up...

... For a few important announcements:

- **Volunteers are needed this Friday** for the Pancake Breakfast set-up. If you can help, please let Joan Hurst know and **show up** at Good Shepard's Activity Center at **6pm**. The more people who help, the sooner Mrs. Hurst and her fabulous Pancake Breakfast Team can get home, put their feet up, and rest up for Saturday morning.
- **Next Board of Review:** November 18.
- **Congrats to Kevin W.** for being the highest seller for the Pancake Breakfast....\$460!! Way to go, Kev!
- **Welcome** to our newest Assistant Scoutmaster, **Kyle M.!**
- We **will** have a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25....but it will be the Troop's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration.

Merit Badge Opportunities in 2009

The Potawatomi Trails District is hosting the **Merit Badge University (MBU) on Saturday, Feb. 28th** at York High School in Elmhurst. This is a great opportunity for our Scouts to earn up to 4 merit badges. Registration information will not be sent out until mid-December. Last year, the cost was \$18 for early registration or \$25 afterwards. This cost includes a hot lunch and MBU patch. This program is all day (8am-4pm) if four badges are earned. Check out last year's link which lists the many merit badges and their requirements which were offered in 2008 (<http://38.103.100.148/mbu/MBUBadges.htm>).

The Fall Merit Badge Clinic was cancelled this year and the Spring Clinic will be sometime in April, though those dates are not yet confirmed.

Additional information on these clinics will be provided in future newsletters and/or sent via email to the Troop. Questions? Contact Lisa Fortsch at (630) 978-2824 or lfortsch@sbcglobal.net.

PANCAKE FEVER!

We're **just days away** from our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. The tickets have been sold, the food has been bought, and the griddle-masters are getting their flapjack flippers ready for action! Mrs. Hurst and her hard-working team want to thank all Scouts and their families for participating in the Troop's annual Pancake Breakfast ticket sale. They also have a few last minute reminders:

- ⊕ **Each Scout and at least one adult family member is required to arrive at 6am to work the breakfast.**
- ⊕ **Scouts should wear their class A uniforms AND their name badges.**
- ⊕ **Scouts and their family member must also stay for clean-up.**

Remember....this is our chance to shine and thank all our customers for supporting our Troop. Questions? Contact Joan Hurst at (630) 898-7257 or swamppeople@sbcglobal.net.



Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

Bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share at the Tuesday, November 25 meeting. We will have a mini-feast to get ready for Thanksgiving.

*Due to some minimum order requirements, we do have a limited number of Large and Extra-Large **SWEATSHIRTS AVAILABLE** for sale. The price is \$25 each and they should be in the week of November 17th. Remember, they do run a little small. Also remember, it's not too late to start your holiday shopping! And these sweatshirts would be a perfect gift for your Scout or Leader. Contact Kathy Meyers if your interested in purchasing one.*

2008-09 Troop Calendar

Nov. 15 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Nov. 18 Board of Review
Nov. 21-23 Silo Climbing outing
Nov. 25 Annual Thanksgiving
 Celebration & Meeting
Dec. 1 Committee Meeting
Dec. 12-14 Cabin camping outing
Jan. 9-10 Rush Copley Lock-in
Jan. 30-Feb.1 Klondike

Feb. 3 Court of Honor
Feb. 7-8 Ski Trip & Wisconsin Dells
 Water Park
Feb. 28 Merit Badge University, York HS
Mar. 20-22 Caving outing
Apr. 24-26 Loons Basic Training
May 29-31 Canoeing outing
June 2 Court of Honor
June 12-14 Mother/Son Campout

Please keep in mind that no matter how hard we try to plan, sometimes unexpected conflicts arise. If any of these dates should change, we will communicate that to you as soon as possible. Please check this section of the newsletter each month for new activities added and any possible changes. The Troop calendar can also be found on the Troop website at:
www.napervilletroop75.org



Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 75:

During the weekend of October 24-26, the Troop camped at Illini State Park and hiked through Starved Rock State Park. We had a little rain on Friday night, but otherwise, the weather was near perfect. We hiked from one end of the state park to the other and saw almost all of the canyons. I want to thank all of the parents that camped and hiked with us. I think everyone had a good time. I know I did.

On November 15th the Troop will hold our 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast. The Scouts did a great job and it looks like we should meet or exceed our fundraising goals. I look forward to seeing everyone at the breakfast. It should be a good time for everyone and a great opportunity to show off our Troop to the community.

On November 21-23, the Troop will be traveling to Bloomington to rock climb in a converted grain silo at Upper Limits Rock Gym. The Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the rock climbing merit badge. The permission slips were handed out at the meeting on 10/28 and are due on Nov. 11. If your Scout is interested, please turn in the permission slip and check. There is limited space for the climbing merit badge.

On December 12-14, the Troop will be cabin camping at Shabbona State Park. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Mr. Adams, who is planning this outing.

Lastly, it is the time of the year when 2nd year Webelos will be starting to visit our Troop. If you know of anyone who would be interested in visiting our Troop, please have them contact me. Visitors are always welcome at our Troop meetings. However, we may want to suggest visits on particular nights, depending on the planned Troop activities.

Yours in Scouting,

Vinton Trowbridge
 Scoutmaster
 Troop 75

NEXT BOARD OF REVIEW:
November 18th