

Are you doing your part?

.....to help make Troop 75 a strong and vibrant organization for your son? Boy Scout Troops are only as good as the volunteers who run them, so, while we are very thankful for the dedicated volunteers who are currently involved, we need more parents to step up today and take a more active role in the operation of Troop 75. **PLEASE consider volunteering** for one of the following positions that currently need coordinators:

- **Committee Member:** support leaders in carrying out the scouting program by serving on Boards of Review; overseeing and assisting in the development of the Troop's funds and resources.
- **Re-charter Coordinator:** responsible for providing recharter information to the council and committee; keeps track of all current adult and scout members of the Troop; will work with Scoutmaster Vinton Trowbridge.
- **Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator:** responsible for the recruitment and status of Troop merit badge counselors for committee and council.

Please give some thought to volunteering. It is only with your assistance that Troop 75 can continue to provide a positive scouting experience for all of our boys. The outgoing coordinators are available to answer any questions or you can contact Joan Hurst at 630-898-7257 or swampeople@sbcglobal.net.

Merit Badge U

Don't miss the upcoming Merit Badge University on Saturday, February 28th at York H.S. in Elmhurst. This is a great opportunity to earn almost any Merit Badge....especially Eagle Merit Badges! Cost is \$25 per Scout and registration is open from Jan. 28 thru Feb. 15th. Lunch and MBU patch are included in cost. First Class uniforms are to be worn and Scouts should be prepared for their classes. Register on line at www.potawatomidistrict.com, then click on the MBU badge on the left side. Any questions, contact Lisa Fortsch at (630) 978-2824 or lfortsch@sbcglobal.net.

Friends of Scouting

Joan Hurst will be giving a short Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation at our February 3rd Court of Honor. FOS funds assist in the financial support of the Indian Prairie District and Three Fires Council and the maintaining of service centers, training of leadership, and sponsorship of activities. Please consider making a donation to Friends of Scouting this year.



Our Troop 75 trailers are still in need of a new home. Waubonsie High School has asked all troops to find an alternative home for their trailers. Our trailers are 13' and 20' long. Please contact Mr. Trowbridge regarding and leads or suggestions for a home for our trailers.

Advancements

Attention Scouts! The next Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd. Please take this opportunity to schedule your Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. Your last opportunity for a Board of Review will be Tuesday, January 20th.

Attention Scouts: Upcoming Crossover Ceremonies

Remember when you were a Cub Scout about to crossover to become a Boy Scout? Well, this is the time of year when that happens. For Cub Scouts, it's an exciting time. Representatives from Troop 75 have already attended a ceremony for Pack 543 and will be welcoming 4 new Scouts to our Troop in the upcoming weeks. It would be great to have Scouts from our Troop attend any of the upcoming crossover ceremonies. If you are interested and able, please contact SPL Kyle Fortsch or Scoutmaster Trowbridge.

2008-09 Troop Calendar

Jan. 20 Board of Review	Mar. 20-22 Caving outing	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
Jan. 30-Feb.1 Klondike	Apr. 24-26 Loons Basic Training	
Feb. 3 Court of Honor	May 29-31 Canoeing outing	
Feb. 7-8 Ski Trip & Wisconsin Dells Water Park	June 2 Court of Honor	
Feb. 28 Merit Badge University, York HS	June 12-14 Mother/Son Campout	



Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 75:

On December 12 – 14, the troop traveled to Shabbona State Park for a cabin camping outing. Indoors we played lots of board games. Outdoors we had a huge snowball fight, did some hiking and worked on our orienteering requirements. Thanks go to Mr. Adams for running this trip.

On January 9, the troop had a lock-in at Rush Copley's Health Club. The boys played basketball, dodge ball, floor hockey, held relay races and swimming. Thanks go to Mr. Rogers for organizing this outing.

On February 7 – 8 the troop will be going to Cascade Mountain for a day of skiing and spend the night at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for a night of fun at their three indoor water parks. We will leave early Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Permission slips are due Jan. 20 and there are only 40 spots open for this trip. If you have any questions about this trip contact Mr. Trowbridge.

On March 21 -22 the troop will be traveling to Eagle Cave in Wisconsin. We will leave early Saturday morning and spend the day exploring the cave and will spend the night in the cave. If you have any questions about this trip please contact Mr. Seaton.

This last Friday we had our first group of Webelos cross over into the Troop from Pack 543. 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.

Lastly, I want to remind all of the scouts that our next Court of Honor will be at the end of January. If anyone needs a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review please sign up. We can do a Scoutmaster Conference at any troop meeting or campout. Boards of Review are held at the third troop meeting of every month.

Yours in Scouting,

Vinton Trowbridge

Scoutmaster

Troop 75