

TROOP 75

Boys Scouts of America
Naperville IL



A Job Well Done!



Congratulations Troop 75 Scouts, adult leaders and families on a job well done! On December 3, we hosted our 7th Annual Troop 75 Pancake Breakfast. We served about 968 people, including our scouts and families. This was our largest breakfast to date! We received numerous compliments from our customers, many of them who

have chosen to come to our breakfast year after year. Our scouts should be very proud. This event is not possible without the participation of all our scouts and their families. Although I greatly appreciate all your kind words and the lovely pancake ornament that I will cherish for years to come, I would not have been able to coordinate this event for the past five years without your commitment and support. I thought about listing all of those who have helped us achieve our goals year after year but have decided not to--not because of my aging memory, but because I would have to list every member of our troop over the past five years! Each and every one of us has an important role to play in the success of our troop. During this season of thanks and celebration take the opportunity to thank your fellow scouts for a job well done. You should be proud of being a part of such a caring and hardworking troop.

I wish you all a year of peace and caring,
Joan Hurst, Troop 75 Pancake Committee Chair (retired)

Uniform bin

Do you have uniforms that you have outgrown? Are you in need of a new size of shirt, pants or shorts? Why not donate your outgrown uniforms in exchange for a larger size? In fact, so many scouts have donated, that our bin is overflowing. In the past, we have charged \$5 per item. Due to the overwhelming success of another pancake breakfast, the committee has decided to wave the purchase price. Please feel free to keep yourself in full uniform--as we expect--by perusing the bin.



December

- 20 Christmas Party!
- 27 No Troop meeting

January 2012

- 3 No Troop meeting
- 27-28 Klondike

February

- 7 Court of Honor
- 11-12 Ski Trip
- 26 Scout Sunday

March

- 17-18 Caving Campout

April

- 13-15 Loons Basic Training

May

- 4-6 Campout

June

- 5 Court of Honor
- 15-17 Mother/Son Campout

August

- 26 Court of Honor

Merit Badge Blue Card Reminder

When starting a merit badge, you **must receive approval from the Scoutmaster**, now Mr. Boyle. His signature must be obtained before you begin the merit badge. If you have any questions, contact either of the Advancement Chairs, Mr. Meyers and Mrs. Klimek.



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Dear Troop 75:

On December 3rd, the troop held its 7th annual Pancake Breakfast. Our scouts did an outstanding job selling tickets and once again placed us well above our fundraising goals. We served a record breaking 868 people, not including scouts and their families. While I was talking with our customers, the overwhelming response was that the service and atmosphere were great. It was said over and over again that the scouts did an excellent job. I'd like to thank all the scouts and the adult helpers for a job well done! Special thanks to Joan Hurst for leading the Pancake Breakfast over the past several years.

On December 10-11, we had 23 scouts take part in our annual cabin camping trip to the Kendall County Outdoor Educational Center near Yorkville, Ill. The scouts enjoyed hanging out and playing cards and board games all day and evening. Some scouts and adult leaders found seven Scout-themed geocaches. I'd like to thank Mr. Rogers for running this successful trip.

On January 27-28, the troop will be participating in the Klondike Derby at Greene Valley Forest Preserve. It's a great way to test your cold weather camping skills. For scouts that would prefer not to camp overnight, you can still join us for all of the fun and festivities of the Klondike on Saturday morning. We will all be departing by Saturday evening. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Mr. Clements or Mr. Schumann.

On February 11-12, the troop will travel back to Cascade Mountain, Wisc., for some skiing and snowboarding and then to the Wilderness resort in the Dells for some water park fun. Mr. Rustemeyer and I will be running this trip. I'd like to thank the committee for supplementing the cost of the trip with the addition of a third condo this year!

On March 17-18, the troop is looking into the possibility of returning to Eagle Cave in Wisconsin for some spelunking. This time around we are planning to camp outside the cave.

Lastly, I wanted to let everyone know that Troop 75 was not able to secure any crew reservations for Philmont 2013 in the lottery. We have been placed on the wait list to hopefully be able to get a crew or two, if any cancellations occur. I've been reminded that we were also on the wait list for 2011 after the initial lottery and eventually were able to get a crew reservation. I will keep you posted on any further developments.

I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! We'll see everyone back for more scouting adventures in 2012!

Yours in Scouting,
John Boyle
Scoutmaster Troop 75

Troop Historian Report

By Colin R.



We woke up bright and early on December 10. We met at the church. It

only took 30 minutes to get there. We got all the board games out and started playing. We had grilled cheese for lunch. Some people went geocaching. Alex B. found one by just whacking a stick around and realizing it was plastic. Back at the cabin, a bunch of older scouts made a huge fort and started playing poker. We cooked spaghetti and Pepsi chicken for dinner, with root bear floats for dessert. After that we started packing up the games and then we went to bed. The next morning we had Little Bites and Oreos. (We forgot to eat them the night before.) We packed up the trailer and returned to the church.



For more information on Scouting, please visit these sites:

Troop 75:

www.napervilletroop75.org

Indian Prairie District:

www.indianprairie.org

Three Fires Council:

www.threefirescouncil.org