



PLC chooses Camp Ransburg for summer camp 2013



Ransburg Scout Reservation

Troop 75 will be attending Camp Ransburg near Bloomington, Ind., **July 28-August 3, 2013**. This is a new camp for our troop to explore. Program areas include: Aquatics, Ecology, Eagle Quest, Field Sports, Handicraft, Ranch, Scoutcraft. Please visit <http://www.ransburgbsa.org> for more information concerning specific merit badges offered and other interesting things to do during your week. We're looking for parents who can come along with us for the week (or even for a few days). Look for more detailed information to come from Aimee Caton. As always, if you have questions, please email Aimee at caton@napervilletroop75.org.

Merit Badge University

Merit Badge University will be held February 23 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at York Community High School, 355 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst. The \$40 fee includes a hot lunch and the official 2013 MBU patch. Scouts must register and pay online by February 15.

Scouts must come in Class A uniform, bring pencil and paper, merit badge booklets and any items needed for your badges. Your Scoutmaster needs to approve your badges before the event.

Scouts need to review the preparations needed for their classes. They can be downloaded from <http://38.103.100.148/MBU/mbubadges.asp>

For more information as well as the full class schedule, visit <http://38.103.100.148/MBU/MBUMain.htm>



January
29 Court of Honor

February
2-3 Ski and Splash campout
4 PLC, 7 p.m.
11 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

March
4 PLC, 7 p.m.
8-10 Campout at Tippecanoe State Park, Indiana
11 Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

April
1 PLC, 7 p.m.
5-7 Devil's Lake Campout
8 Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
19-21 Loons Basic Training

May
3-5 Wisconsin River Canoe Trip
6 PLC, 7 p.m.
13 Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
14 Court of Honor

June
3 PLC, 7 p.m.
7-9 Mother/Son Campout
10 Committee meeting, 7 p.m.
15-29 Philmont High Adventure trip

July
28-August 3 Camp Ransburg,

August
25 Court of Honor, 1 p.m.



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Dear Troop 75:

Happy 2013! We started the year with our annual Cabin Camping trip on January 12-13 at the old Hoover Scout Reservation in Yorkville. Once again, we had a lack of snow but we had fun hiking and geocaching before lunch. There were also many hours spent playing non-electronic games. New this year was a patrol skit competition organized by Andrew S. The best skit competition was won by the joint Hawks and Leprechauns patrol. I'd like to thank Mr. Rogers for organizing this very popular trip and Andrew S. for helping to organize the skit competition.

Our next Troop Court of Honor will take place during our meeting on January 29. The boys have been working really hard since the last Court of Honor in August. There will be many rank advancements and merit badges awarded. All family members are invited to our Court of Honor. Please attend and support all of the scouts!

At 5:45 a.m. on February 2 we will depart for Cascade Mountain, Wis., for a fun-filled day of skiing, boarding and tubing. By late afternoon we will head to the Wilderness Resort to enjoy their indoor waterparks. We have a record number of youth and adults signed up for this trip. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rustemeyer.

In February, we will be holding elections for the Order of the Arrow. If you have any questions, you might want to check out the local chapter's website at www.aa41.com.

March 8-10 we will be camping Tippecanoe State Park in Winamac, Ind. We are planning some hiking and maybe fishing if the weather cooperates. This will be a mandatory Philmont training hike. Mr. Scoles will be leading this trip.

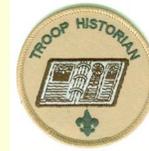
April 5-7 will be outdoor rock climbing and hiking at Devil's Lake State Park in Wisconsin. We will be working with local Venture crew 317 that will be supplying all the necessary equipment. This will be a Philmont training hike weekend. Mr. Adams will be coordinating this trip.

Lastly, I want you to save the date for summer camp this year. The PLC has decided to attend Camp Ransburg in Indiana. The camp will be during the week of July 28-August 3. Note this is a different week that usual.

Yours In Scouting,
John Boyle
Scoutmaster

Troop Historian Report

By Jeffrey F.



For the January 12-13 campout, Troop 75 went cabin camping in Yorkville. Each scout had high hopes on the day we left the church because we all wanted it to snow. Once we all got there we realized our hopes were again shattered and there was no snow to be found. Even though the snow was missing we always still find a way to have a good time. In the cabins the scouts played board games to keep themselves occupied, as well as attempted geocaching. Each patrol performed skits.



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