



## Spring/Summer PLC Elected

SPL: Matthew M.  
 ASPL: Troy C., Matthew R.  
 451 PL: Thomas B.  
 Mohicans PL: Michael S.  
 Hawks PL: Terrance F.  
 Lightning PL: Logan B.  
 Troop Guides: Mohit S., Alan W.  
 Bugler: Jared M.  
 Scribe: Jeffrey F.  
 Webmaster: Nicholas S.  
 Quartermaster: Christopher S.  
 Instructor: Spencer R.  
 Chaplain's Aide: Griffin M.  
 Librarian: Jack C.  
 OA Rep: Matthew L.  
 Historian: Tom C.



### **March**

7 Merit Badge University  
 10 Committee Meeting, 7:15 p.m.  
 13-15 Starved Rock Hiking Trip  
 17 Boards of Review

### **April**

6 PLC  
 10-12 Loons Basic Training  
 21 Boards of Review

### **May**

1-3 Dunes Trip  
 26 Court of Honor

### **June**

12-14 Mother/Son Campout  
 21-27 Camp Decorah

### **July**

14-27 Philmont

### **Adding to the Family**

We welcome 20 incoming Loons to our Troop 75 family today. One of the points of the Scout Law is **A Scout is Friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to all people, and respects them even if their customs are different from his own.** Welcome the new scouts, parents and siblings. Cross the room to introduce yourself, learn a few things about them and share a little about yourself. In the next few months, we will train these new scouts. Get to know them! Matthew R. will be putting together some plans to get the Loons introduced to each other and to the Troop on March 3. Please follow his instructions and give him your wholehearted support.

--Mr. Lindell

### **\*New Loons\***

Ian A., Ben B., Sean B.,  
 Peter C., Tyler C., Blake F.,  
 Evan F., Owen J., Aidan J.,  
 Drew K., Zachary K.,  
 Payton L., Ben M.,  
 Caden P., Aidan R.,  
 Roshan S., Billy S.,  
 Michael S., Adam T.,  
 Carter W.



## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Dear Troop 75:

“A scout is helpful” is one of the points in the Scout Law. What does being helpful mean? It means serving and caring about others and to not expect reward or payment. At home, it means you help your mom, dad and siblings around the house and doing chores. In Scouts, you can help people with service projects and volunteer hours. How can you be helpful at meetings and at outings? We'll have 20 new scouts who will need a lot of help. It is an opportunity to do a Good Turn for them. They will not understand how to do things in the troop like putting up tents, turning on stoves, finding things in the trailer and running a meeting. You have the opportunity to teach them these things plus the Scoutcraft skills that an older scout has taught you.

Here is a story that brings to life being helpful: Before Chicago publisher William D. Boyce made his fortune in the Windy City, he traveled the world. In 1909, Boyce was on his way home from an African safari and lost his way in a dense London fog. A Scout came to his aid and, after guiding Mr Boyce, refused a tip, explaining that he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Being helpful is what started the Boy Scouts of America. Who knows what your helpful act will inspire in one of our new scouts?

### Adult Volunteers

Troop 75 runs with the support of adult volunteers. Adults do the business side of scouting so we can provide a better program for the scouts, and it allows the scouts to focus on the things that matter to create young men of character. We have volunteer opportunities in all parts of our adult leadership:

- Troop Committee – contact Sarah West
- Merit badge counselors – contact John Lindell and Bonnie Ranieri
- Assistant scoutmasters – contact John Lindell

Adults also serve by going on campouts and serving on some of the larger Committee efforts like Pancake Breakfast or the Troop Picnic. On campouts, we welcome all adults to participate (you just need to take Youth Protection and have a health form parts A and B on record)--not as a bystander but to enjoy the campout activities.

I would encourage **all the adults** in the Troop 75 family to sign up to help the troop operate and find a way to help keep the scouting program top notch.

Yours in Scouting,  
John Lindell  
Scoutmaster

### Historian Minute by Andrew S.



On February 6, the troop got ready to go to Wisconsin for the annual Ski 'n' Splash

campout. Once they had donned their skiing or snowboarding gear, they went off to have fun on the slopes of Cascade Mountains. After, the scouts went to Wilderness Lodge to eat pizza, splash around in the pools and just have a good time. All scouts returned with a fun time behind them.

### Recharter Time

Save the following dates for Recharter!

- March 17--Recharter information will be distributed at the Troop meeting.
- March 24--Recharter fee is due. The Scout Personal Data Collection Forms must be updated as well.

More details will be available soon.

--Bonnie Rogers,  
Recharter Coordinator

For more information on Scouting, please visit these sites:  
Troop 75:  
[www.napervilletroop75.org](http://www.napervilletroop75.org)  
Indian Prairie District:  
[www.indianprairie.org](http://www.indianprairie.org)  
Three Fires Council:  
[www.threefirescouncil.org](http://www.threefirescouncil.org)

**LIGHTNING PATROL LEADER**

Hey, this is your Lightning Patrol Leader Nick S. I am here to tell you that you should run for Patrol Leader for your patrol. I have really enjoyed being Lightning's PL and I encourage you to run for PL. Even if you aren't sure if you want to run, go ahead and run for it. Maybe your patrol could use a new and bright mind to guide them to ranking up in Scouts. Please consider running for Patrol Leader at the next election. It's a good opportunity to get leadership skills and possibly advance on to SPL.

**LOONS**

The Loons are coming! The Loons are coming! After one year of having Arctic, Yellow, and Pacific Loons, we are having new Loons. We will have 20 Loons this year. These Loons are inexperienced, unsure and need to grow as scouts. They came to Troop 75 to join a great group of guys and to advance in their Scouting careers. Let's help them!

--Troy C., ASPL

**SUMMER CAMP**

We are going to Camp Decorah, near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, June 21-27. The cost is \$295 and includes everything except for miscellaneous merit badge fees and lunch on the way up and back. **I would highly encourage you to send your scout to summer camp**--he will get a lot out of the experience.

If you have questions about sending your scout to camp, talk to me. Although it is a weeklong

commitment, the experience in getting to know the other scouts in Troop 75 and having a lot of fun in the north woods (plus the skill building) make it a great week. Our scoutmasters and other adults have a lot of experience in home sickness and probably any other concern you may have.

--John Lindell

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM FOR 2015-2016**

August: Raging Waves  
waterpark day trip

September: Wilderness  
Survival, Fishing

October: Outdoor Fun  
Cooking Campout

November: Good Shepherd  
Lock In, Sky High Dodgeball

December: Cabin Campout  
January: YMCA Lock In  
and Vertical Endeavors  
Climbing

February: Ski 'n' Splash

March: Caving

April: Loons Basic Training

May: COPE/Zip Lining

June: Mother - Son  
Campout

July: Summer Camp

Check the troop calendar on our website, newsletter and your email for more detailed information on these exciting events.

**MOHICANS PATROL LEADER**

As the Mohicans Patrol Leader this term, I guided us in our menu planning. I brought my patrol's ideas to the PLC each month. One of our ideas was to do a Wilderness Survival and Fishing campout. We're going to do that in September. My patrol often comes up with ideas that involve water, for some reason. I have learned a lot in this role and I appreciate my patrol's support of me.

--Nathan W.

**VOLUNTEER QUIZ**

1. Are you available for a few hours a month?
2. Do you like Boy Scouts?
3. Do you have at least one son in our troop?
4. Would you like to get to know other parents?
5. Do you like to laugh and have a good time?
6. Do you have any skills or knowledge?

**Each yes= 1 point.**

Scoring: **5-6 points**= SIGN UP NOW to join the Troop Committee. (I will find out if you are a top scorer on this quiz anyway, so please make it easy for me.) **4 points**= sign up next week to join the Troop Committee. **3 points**= The Troop Committee will consider your request if you bring us cookies. **2 points**= Maybe you should have been a Boy Scout. **1 point**= Go back to bed. See you next year.

Our next Committee meeting is March 10 at 7:15 p.m.

--Sarah West