



**News**

Hi, this is Billy the new Scribe of Troop 75, taking over for Andrew.

We'll start with **OA News** and in the following pages, you'll hear some great updates in the **Scoutmasters Corner** from Mr. Marcotte, and an exciting update about our new trailer from Mr. Lindell.

OA News

Congratulations to the following scouts and adults for becoming our latest candidates who are on their way to becoming members of the Order of the Arrow:

**Scouts:**

- Michael Cassidy
- Tom Cassidy
- Griffin Maham
- Chris Snyder
- Louis Sosa
- Cole St. Yves

**Adults:**

- Tom Cassidy
- Brian Snyder

The Troop wishes you all the best experience as you go through your Ordeal.

**TROOP CALENDAR**

**April 2016**

- 19 Meeting and BORs
- 23/24 Matthew L. Eagle Project
- 26 Meeting

**May 2016**

- 2 PLC Meeting
- 3 Meeting
- 6-8 Caving/Spelunking Campout
- 10 Meeting
- 17 Meeting
- 24 Court of Honor
- 31 Meeting

**June 2016**

- 6 PLC
- 7 Meeting
- 10-12 Mother Son Campout
- 14 Meeting
- 21 Meeting
- 28 Meeting

Quick links

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Attention!

If you have any articles for the next newsletter you may send them to me (below).  
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*We need more articles!  
 We would really appreciate you submitting some!*

## Scoutmaster's Corner

Hello Troop,

It's hard to believe it is already the middle of April. A lot has happened in the past few months. We have gone climbing, skiing, zip-lining, attended various merit badge clinics and just finished getting our newest scouts up and running with our Loons Basic campout. We learned we can still have fun and further develop our skills while camping in adverse conditions. In addition to all this activity, we purchased and outfitted our new trailer that is replacing the old small trailer.

There is still more to do before we dial it back for the summer. We have a caving campout coming up in a few weeks and the May Court of Honor shortly after that. Our focus will now turn to getting ready for summer camp. Please plan on attending the May Court of Honor to support your sons and attend the required summer camp meeting at the end of the ceremony. This meeting will have a lot of material and details you won't want to miss in preparation for this camp. I am eagerly looking forward to attending this summer and hope to see many of you there.

BSA Medical Form part C is required for summer camp and part D is for high adventure. If you have not already taken your son in to get his physical and the BSA Medical Form C/D filled out, please do so as soon as possible and then have your son turn them in to me at scout meetings. If your insurance has changed or information on parts A and B have changed, please submit copies of these as well. This is not optional if your son plans to attend either event this summer. Please take care of this as soon as possible and when your insurance allows.

Thanks,

Mr. Marcotte





### A New Trailer for Troop 75

We officially have a new small trailer for Troop 75. The previous small trailer was showing its age...it has served our Troop well for the past 14+ years but was going to need even more maintenance and repair in the next two years. And on occasions when a lot of scouts were attending a camp out, we were at the load limit for the small trailer. In addition, we wanted to benefit from the improvements in towing safety that have happened over the years.

The new trailer is 1 foot wider and 2 feet longer and 6 inches taller. However, it dramatically changes a number of things:

1. It has electrical brakes so now we can stop more safely while pulling it.
2. It has dual axles so it tows better than the single axle trailer and a wedge shaped nose so a bit more aerodynamic. And it has a higher load limit so we can safely meet all of our camping needs.
3. That 1 foot of extra width is allowing us to improve how we carry things in the trailer. We are able to put the heaviest items over the axles so the trailer is better balanced...we didn't have that kind of flexibility with the older trailer. And the bulkier items fit nicely in the new heavy duty rack shelving we installed in the trailer.
4. The extra height means we taller adults and scouts won't crack our skulls on the entry way...always a hazard with the older trailer.
5. It has a side opening door so we can quickly access things in the front and the rear of the trailer without having to unpack the entire aisle way of the trailer.

We will continue to keep the large trailer. It is in good shape and fully owned by us....while we use it on 2-3 local camp outs year, it serves as a way to store extra gear and supplies that we'd have to pay for storage.

The older small trailer will be heading to a Cub Scout pack where it will serve as a storage vehicle.

Thank you to the scouts, families and Committee members of Troop 75 who enabled us to buy this trailer and outfit it from the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast the past 4 years. We will be using it for all of our adventures for the next 14+ years in Troop 75.

We will have the trailer at the May Court of Honor so everyone can see it. - Mr. Lindell