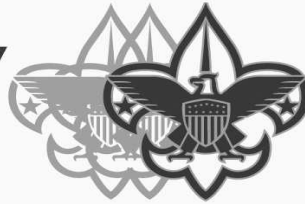




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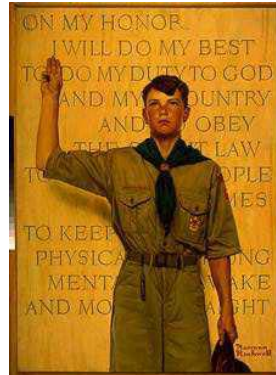
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**Upcoming Troop 75 Events:**

- December 15th-16th  
Rush Copley Lock-in
- December 19th Troop meeting
- December 22nd Scout Master Review Deadline for January Court of Honor
- January 9th 2007 Board of Review Deadline for January Court of Honor
- January 9th 2007 regular Troop meetings resume
- January 21st 2007 Court of Honor
- January 26th—28th 2007 Klondike

## Court of Honor Potluck January 21, 2007

Troop 75 will hold a Court of Honor and family pot luck on Sunday January 21st at Good Shepard Lutheran Church. Lunch will be served at 1 pm followed by the Court of Honor. The activities will end by 4 pm. The Troop will provide the main course meat dish. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. Last names starting with A-K are asked to bring a side dish, and last names starting with L-Z are asked to bring a dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Thomas.



A reminder for the 2006 Eagle Class. The 2006 Eagle Class dinner will be held on Friday February 16, 2007. The dinner will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle beginning at 6:30 pm. The Class Honoree is General David Grange, Director of Cantigny and the McCormick Tribune Foundation. The cost to attend is \$30 per person and the Troop will cover the cost for the Eagle.

## Troop Fundraising Update



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Congratulations scouts! Your hard work has been very successful raising funds for Troop 75

this year and adding to your personal scout accounts.

Pancake breakfast sales totaled \$7,558. Profit after expenses was \$6,839. Scouts then received 10% of their sales to their scout accounts with a total of \$720 distributed to the accounts.

Wreath sales, while optional, were also a great success! Total sales of \$2,590 resulted in a profit to the Troop of \$455. Scouts received 50% of profits to their scout accounts with a total of \$450 distributed to the accounts.

All scouts will receive email updates of their scout account balances by year-end. Scout accounts may be used for outings or

scout equipment purchase with scoutmaster approval.

Thank you to all of the scouts and

parents for successful fundraising!

Thank you to Eugene Keitzer and Tom Meyers for picking up the wreaths on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you also to the Keitzer's for the use of their garage to sort the wreaths and hold them for pick-up. You made this fundraiser run very smoothly.





## Save The Date!

2006 is quickly slipping away and soon it will be time to break out the 2007 calendars! For those who like to plan ahead, here is a list of upcoming Troop events and activities. 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](http://www.napervilletroop75.org).

December 15th-16th Troop Lock-in @ Rush Copley

December 18th-PLC Meeting

December 19th Last Troop meeting for 2006

No Troop meetings December 26th

Or January 2nd

Enjoy your winter break!

### 2007 Dates To save:

January 7th 4 pm Troop Committee Meeting @ Good Shepard Lutheran Church

January 9th regular Troop Meetings resume

January 12th Pack 543 Cross Over @ McCarty Elementary School 7 pm

January 21st 2007 Troop Pot Luck and Court of Honor 1-4 pm Good Shepard Lutheran Church (see article in newsletter)

January 26th-28th Klondike @ Rochelle

February 10th-11th Ski Trip to Cascade (see article in newsletter for more information)

March 16th-18th Camping @ Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery Sand Ridge State Park

April 13th-15th Loons Basic Training

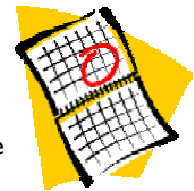
April 27th-29th Troop Camping

May 4th-6th Troop Camping

June Date TBD Mother/Son Campout

July 7th-14th Summer Camp

July 28-August 4th Tentative Dates for High Adventure. More information to follow, deposit will be due in January.



## November Hiking/Camping

Our backpacking trip went very well in November. The weather was not too bad and the Scouts along with their Senior Patrol Leaders took advantage of some great decision making opportunities while on this campout. This outing gave our Scouts interested in the High Adventure outing this summer an idea of what it will be like to carry their equipment. There will be a minimum of four extra training sessions offered for our High Adventure bound Scouts! Be prepared to commit to High Adventure in January 2007.



## Trailer Update

When the Scouts of Troop 75 set goals, they reach them! The Scouts set the goal this year of raising enough funds to purchase a new Troop trailer. As the Troop continues to grow, we need more and more space to carry all of our gear and of course our food (we do like to eat, and our Scouts sure can cook!). With the purchase of a new trailer, our Quarter Master along with Patrol Quarter Masters and Adult Leaders will be able to set up an organization system by Patrol for all of their supplies. This will help the Scouts keep better track of equipment, help to keep it in working order, and help with efficiency of loading and unloading at campouts.

Along with pancake sales profits, the trailer is also being funded by donations made by Troop 75 Family and Friends. To date, we have received \$811.41 in trailer donations. If you or someone you know would like to support the trailer purchase, please see Ana Thomas to make a donation.

The plan is to order the trailer on December 13th and it should be ready in 3 to 4 weeks.

A huge thank you goes out to our Scouts for all the hard work they put into reaching this goal!



## Scoutmaster Corner

Troop 75,

How time flies, I can't believe that it is the middle of December already. By now the Loons have picked their Patrols. From what I saw, the Dragons were the choice for most of the boys, but the Wolves look like they have most of the Troop Brother combinations. I'm sure that everyone will be happy in the Partols.

We won't have much time to get ready for our new Scouts. They will start crossing over on January 12th. Pack 543 scout are set to join us on that day. I will need some help at that Cross Over Ceremony welcoming these young met to our Troop.

We still have a lot of things going on in the Troop. In January, we will be preparing for our Court

of Honor and Klondike. In February, we will be going skiing in Wisconsin.

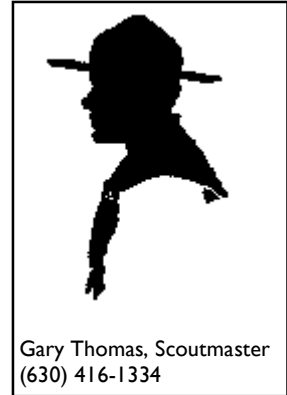
I want to take this time to thank the Senior Patrol for the work that they are doing. We have at least 80% of our outings planned for the next year. All of our Scout Leaders are doing a great job. I hope that all of the Troops activities are fun for our Scouts.

We have had a very successful year. We have four Eagle Scouts, and more working towards their Eagle goal. We had another success with our pancake breakfast. We will be able to purchase a larger trailer to better serve our Scouts. We have had many merit badges completed, and many Rank Advancements. Of all of these things, what makes me the most proud is the fact that our Scouts

are taking ownership of the Troop. I want to thank all of the Scouts, adults, and parents of Troop 75 for a great year. I am looking forward to a new year, new Scouts, and a lot of fun.

Thanks for letting me be your Scoutmaster!

—Mr. Thomas



Gary Thomas, Scoutmaster  
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### Did you know....

**That in the United States on December 31, 2005 there were:**

**943,426 registered Boy Scouts**

**543,971 adult volunteers**

**50,996 troops/teams**

**Any guesses as to how many there will be on December 21, 2006?**

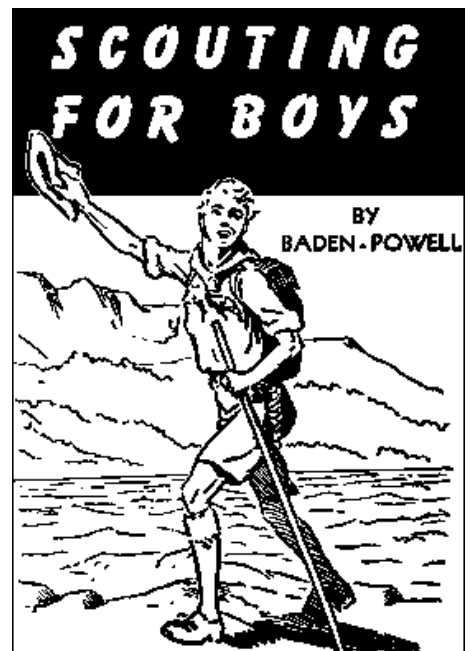
## Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is a campaign to provide financial support to your local council. In our case, that is the Three Fires Council. This support is in the form of a pledge or donation from a company, organization or individual to ensure the financial viability of a council. Each council, including Three Fires Council, must raise **all** of its own funds to support its operating budget. Councils receive

excellent program support from our National office but no financial support is provided.

In the January/February time frame a Friends of Scouting representative will attend one of our meetings to give a brief presentation and hand out pledge cards. If you company offers a matching funds program, please consider a

donation to Friends of Scouting in 2007.





## Merci! Gracias! Thank you!

Thank you goes out to...

**All the parents** who donated the delicious food for the Troop Thanksgiving dinner. The boys had a good time and really enjoyed the meal.

**Mr. Myers and Mr. Keitzer** for picking up the wreaths for the wreath sales.

**Mr. and Mrs. Keitzer** for the use of their garage to store the wreaths until they were picked up.

**Mrs. Rhoads** for her help in locating the Troop Eagle plaque and picture and her help in hanging the plaque and picture at the Church.

**Troop 74 Scouts** for working to raise money to meet their goal to purchase a new trailer!

## Eagle Plaque hangs in Church

The Troop Committee is excited to announce that we have now hung our Eagle Plaque and a Troop picture on the wall by the elevator at Good Shepard Lutheran Church. We would like to thank every one who help make this happen, especially Mrs. Ellen Rhoads who spent some of her time helping us locate the plaque and picture. Next time you are visiting the Church stop and take a look!

## February Ski Trip

Our February Campout will be a ski trip to Cascade Mountain near the Wisconsin Dells. Details and sign ups will be available in January. Please keep in mind that the trip will be limited to the first 40 Scouts and/or Adults who sign up and the cost will be approximately \$100 per person.

## Yes! I'd like to help!

Looking for a way to contribute to our Troop? The Troop Committee is always looking for adults to help in a variety of ways. Like to work behind the scenes? The Troop is in need of a Training Chair—someone who will keep track of training the adults have completed, remind them when they need a refresher, and keep everyone posted on upcoming training sessions. Please contact Dani Seaton if you have questions or would like to jump into this role!

Have some extra space in your garage or shed? There are some Troop properties in need of temporary homes: the Klondike Sledge, the bridge logs and ropes and a few other odds and ends. You don't have to store all the items, just what you have room for. Please let Gary or Ana know if you can spare us some space!

## Uniform Requirements

Unless otherwise stated, Scouts are required to wear their Class A Uniform to all Troop meetings. A Class A uniform consists of: a neatly ironed and tucked in tan shirt (with appropriate patches and epaulettes), green Scout trousers, green socks, neckerchief or bolo, and Troop hat. Boys who attend a Troop meeting without the appropriate uniform **will receive one warning**, if they attend again without their proper Class A, **they will be sent home**.

If you have questions about your uniform, please talk to your Patrol Leader or Mr. Thomas.

“Positive and negative are directions. Which direction do you chose?” - Remez Sasson



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