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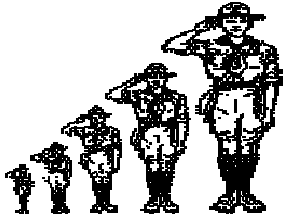
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### Upcoming Troop 75 Events:

- January 9th Board of Review Deadline for January Court of Honor
- January 12th Pack 543 Cross Over
- January 21st Court of Honor
- January 26th—27th Klondike
- February 10th-11th Ski Trip
- March 16th - 18th Camping at Jake Wolfe Fish Hatchery
- April 13th - 15th Loons Basic Training at Blackwell
- April 21st or April 28th (date to be set soon) Troop 75 Car Wash
- May 5th - 7th Camping at Owasisippe

## 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 ham as the main course, and cake will be provided by the Fritz Family for dessert. Troop families are asked to bring a dish to share or if you prefer, make a monetary donation toward the main course

and beverages. **Please RSVP to Mrs. Thomas by January 16 if you plan to attend at staogato66@aol.com or by phone at 630-416-1334.** Please provide her with the following information:

- 1) Family name and number of family members attending
- 2) What you plan to bring:
  - A) Side Dish (potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread/rolls, fruit)
  - B) Cookies (for those who don't care for cake)
  - C) A monetary donation toward the ham

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

## February Ski Trip



The annual Troop 75 ski trip to Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin will be held on February 10th and 11th. We plan to leave the church parking lot at 5:15 am. Please plan to arrive by 5:00 am

so we can get everyone seated in cars and leave on time. We plan to be at the ski slopes when they open at 9 am.

The per person cost for the ski trip is as follows:

- \$48 ski rental, lift ticket & lesson
- \$32 lift ticket only
- \$15 snow tubing per 2 hours
- \$42 condo/waterpark, pizza, drinks & Sunday breakfast

Reminder: this trip is limited to the first 40 people who turn in paperwork and funds. Both release forms must be turned in as well.

## Klondike 2007

There's gold in them there hills! Indian Prairie's 2007 Klondike race will be held on Saturday January 27th at the Ranch in Rochelle, IL. This year we spend night We'll the plan to only one camping. head out to the Ranch on Friday night, enjoy the activities and run the Log Twitching Activity. Permission slips to attend Klondike were sent home tonight and need to be returned as soon as possible if your Scout plans to attend.





## Troop 75 2007 Calendar

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).

### 2007 Troop Dates:

- January 12th** Pack 543 Cross Over @ McCarty Elementary School 7 pm
- January 21st** Troop Pot Luck and Court of Honor 1-4 pm Good Shepard Lutheran Church (see article in newsletter)
- January 26th-27th** Klondike @ Rochelle
- February 10th-11th** Ski Trip to Cascade (see article in newsletter for more information)
- March 6th** Troop Elections
- March 16th-18th** Camping @ Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery Sand Ridge State Park
- April 13th-15th** Loons Basic Training
- April 21st or 28th (date to be finalized soon)** Troop Car Wash
- May 4th-6th** Troop Camping @ Owasippe

**June** Date TBD Mother/Son Campout

**July 7th-14th** Summer Camp @ Owasippe Scout Reservation in White Hall Michigan. Cost will be \$230-\$260.

**August 5th - 11th** High Adventure Backpacking on the Current River Trail in the Ozark Trail in Missouri. Cost will be \$350-\$370. Four training hikes or campouts will be offered for conditioning. Each Scout planning to attend will be required to attend 3 of the 4 with the final hike on the River Ridge Back Pack Trail at Forest Glen Preserve in Danville, IL being mandatory for all High Adventure Participants.

## Trailer Update

The new Troop trailer has been ordered and should be ready for pick up in the next few weeks. It should be organized and ready to go when we head out to the fish hatchery in March!



The base price for the trailer was \$4,500. Additional costs we will incur for the trailer will include: registration, floor tiles, shelving, a spare tire, brake control box, and Troop lettering. These additional costs are being funded by donations. To date, six Troop families have donated \$811 to the trailer fund. It's never too early to start thinking about 2007 tax deductible donations (hint, hint!).

We are very fortunate that the Naperville Township Highway Commission has offered to let us store both trailers in a secure (fenced & locked) area. To thank them for their generosity, we will recognize them publicly and if the need should arise, our Scouts will help out at this location with some future service projects. The Troop and Patrol Quarter Masters will be meeting with the PLC and the Scout Masters to determine how to best organize the trailer.

A pat on the back to our Scouts for all their hard work raising funds to purchase the trailer and the work they will put in keeping it well organized!

## Trekking Poles

Did you order a set of trekking poles from Mr. Thomas in December? If you did and you have not paid for them yet, please bring a check to the next Troop meeting (\$25 per pair, made out to Troop 75).

If you did not order any trekking poles in December but now that you saw them wish you *had*, it's not too late!

There are still a few sets left available on a first come, first served basis! Talk to Mr. Thomas if you'd like to get a pair for \$25.





## Scoutmaster Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to thank all of the families who so generously gave Christmas presents to Mrs. Thomas and myself. Once again, thank you.

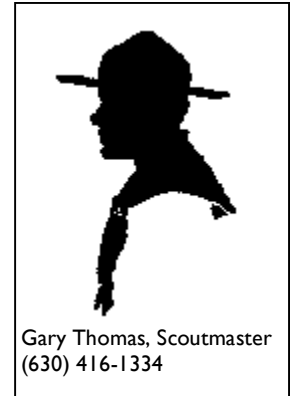
Now that we are at the start of a new year we have a new set of challenges. We will have a new group of Loons. As we continue to grow, I foresee that by the end of this year we will have to form a third patrol of experienced scouts. We don't want our patrols to be too large that they don't work efficiently. In a little over two months we will have election for leadership positions. We will have to make sure that we are up to the challenges that are going to come our way.

I want to say "Congratulations" to our scouts who will receive their next rank advancement at our January Court of Honor, job well done! For our Scouts who have not quite finished yet, keep working hard and you will accomplish your goals. I'm very proud of all of you.

Something else that will be new in 2007 is our new trailer. All of our Scouts worked very hard for us to make this purchase. It is a real beauty. We still have some work to do for it to be completed. With this group of young men and our dedicated parents and adult leaders, we should have no problem achieving this.

2006 was a great year for our Troop. We went to new places and did new things. We accomplished almost all, it not all of the goals we set for ourselves. I see us working together to set new goals for 2007. If 2006 was any indication of what our Troop is capable of, then 2007 is going to be another great year.

Gary Thomas  
Scoutmaster



Gary Thomas, Scoutmaster  
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## Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is a campaign to provide financial support to our 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.

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.

Thank you to Sally and Joe Whitt for chairing the Troop 75 Friends of Scouting Campaign this year.



## Partial Merit Badge Process



When a Scout attends Summer Camp or a Merit Badge Clinic, there will be situations when he cannot complete all of the requirements for that merit badge during the allotted time. When this happens, the Scout has what is called "a partial merit badge." The merit badge counselor will give the Scout a partial merit badge blue card, the Scoutmaster will keep a copy on file, as will the Advancement Chair.

It is up to the Scout to take the time and complete the requirements of that merit badge. He is then responsible for notifying the appropriate merit badge counselor so that the appropriate signatures can be obtained and the Advancement Chair can record the merit badge appropriately.

Our goal is to help teach the scouts to be responsible for their own merit badges.

At this time, we only have partials remaining from Summer Camp 2006 and the Fall Merit Badge Clinic. Keep up the good work Scouts!



## Merci! Gracias! Thank you!

### Thank you goes out to...

- The parents who helped out with Boards of Review
- The parents who chaperoned the Rush Copley Lock in
- The families who brought snacks to the Christmas party
- To all the families and Scouts of Troop 75 who always step up and “do their best” when ever asked!



Climbing at Vertical Endeavors

## Leadership Positions Open

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 ([dani@4buddies.net](mailto:dani@4buddies.net))!

Other Leadership and Committee roles will be opening up in the next few months. Please see Ana if you would like to learn more about ways you can help the Troop.

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 the Troop some space!



Merry Christmas!

## 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.



Some friendly competition!

“I can't do it” never yet accomplished anything; “I will try” has performed wonders.”

**-George P. Burnham**