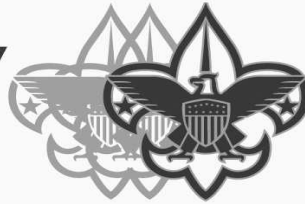




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## A Very Special Thank You

January 1st is the start of the New Year, March 21st is the start of spring, and April is the start of the new Scout year. April is the month when units officially recharter and we see the changing of the guard with our adult leadership.

This April Troop 75 will say thank you and good-bye (but not farewell!) to an adult leader who has given her heart and soul to the troop. Jill Holman has lent her time and talents to the troop for many years and in various roles. Most recently we have known Jill as our Troop Committee Chair. Jill has led this troop through various leadership changes, membership drives, fundraisers, and has been the voice of reason when the Committee has been faced with challenging decisions. Jill has always put the boys first and Troop 75 is a stronger, better troop because of her. Thank you Jill for all you have done for Troop 75!

## 2007 IP District Dinner

The Annual Indian Prairie District Dinner will be held on Friday, April 13, at 6:30 pm at White Eagle Country Club. We would love to get a Troop table and honor our Silver Acorn award winner (to be announced at the dinner). Cost is \$30 per person (cash bar). Please RSVP to Ana by March 28th if you would like to attend.

## Troop Uniform Policy

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 (1st Class and above may opt to wear a 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.

## A Scout Is Reverent

Approximately 16 Scouts and their families attended services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday March 4th. Thank you to Pastor Gary for his recognition of our Scouts and Leaders. We are very appreciative to have such a supportive charter organization.



Troop 75 Scouts and Leaders who attended the 11 am Service on March 4th.

## Trailer Transfer

Thank you to the 25 Scouts and adults who joined us on Friday, March 2, to help with the trailer transfer. All of the troop equipment was removed from the smaller trailer, looked over, and was cleaned and repaired as necessary. The Loons who were in attendance had their first lesson in tent set up and take down. The trailer transfer is about 75% complete. The Scouts and the leaders are looking forward to our first outing with the new trailer.



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### Upcoming Troop 75 Events:

- March 16th-18th Camping @ Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery Sand Ridge State Park
- March 19th PLC Meeting @ GSL Church 7 pm
- March 27th No Troop Meeting – Enjoy your spring break!
- April 13th-15th Loons Basic Training
- April 13th Annual District Dinner
- April 14th & 28th Spring Merit Badge Clinic
- May 4th- 6th Troop Camping @ Owasippe
- June 10th—Troop Car-wash 9 am until 3 pm



## 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).

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**May 4th-6th Troop Camping @** Owasippe  
**June 1st—3rd** Mother/Son Campout @ Rainbow Council  
**June 10th–** Troop Carwash 9 am-3pm (more information to follow)  
**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.

**August 26th** Court of Honor/Picnic at Von Oven Scout Camp

**September 7th– 9th** (tentative dates) Illini Jamboree

## Spring Merit Badge Clinic

### Spring 2007 Merit Badge Clinic

**Date:** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 8:30-12:00\* (8:30-10:10 (session-1), 10:20-12:00 (session-2))

**Location:** Woodridge LDS Church

7201 Woodridge Dr. Woodridge, IL

**Who:** Second Class and higher scouts

**MBs Offered:** Citizenship in the Nation (*Work on 2 and 8 prior to clinic*)

Fire Safety

Music

Scholarship/Reading

Law (*First Class or higher, or at least 12 years old*)

Wood Carving (*Class will meet from 8:30-12:00 both days*)

**Deadlines:** Scout registration: Tuesday March 27th.

**To Register Contact:** Lisa Fortsch at [lfortsch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfortsch@sbcglobal.net) or 978-2824 with the following information: Scout's full name, age, rank, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices of merit badges by March 20th

## I need a....

## I've outgrown my....

Lost your hat? Misplaced your neckerchief? Outgrown your Class B T-Shirt? These items are always available for sale new at a cost of \$10 each. Please make checks payable to Troop 75.

Out grown your Scout pants? Scout shorts too short? Class B t-shirt too small? Not sure what to do with them now that they don't fit? Turn them in to the Troop Recycle Bin. All items in the bin are available for purchase at a cost of \$2 each.

If you are looking for a specific item, please ask Mrs. Thomas to show you the recycle bin at a Troop meeting.

## Merci! Gracias! Thank you!

### Thank you goes out to...

- Bill Manna for all his help with the trailer transfer—we could not have accomplished all we did without you!
- Mark Klimek for volunteering to be the Troop Adult Quartermaster
- Phil & Kathy Lybrand for their hard work with the Troop recharter
- Joe & Sally Whitt for the wonderful job they did with the FOS campaign
- Tammy McGough for becoming our Training Chair
- Brian McGough for getting Tammy's Suburban ready to tow the new trailer



## Scoutmaster Corner

We have had our elections and we have some leaders returning and we also have some new leaders. Tyler R. has won his second election for Senior Patrol Leader. His Assistants will be Alex H. and Jon B. We have a new Troop Guide in Nathan K. Troop Scribe will be Kyle F. Quartermaster Tyler S. will be in charge of all the troop equipment. I'm also pleased to announce that Mr. Mark Klimek will be the new Adult Quartermaster. I'm sure our two new Quartermasters will work well together. Troop Instructor Eric L. is returning in this position. Troop Librarian will be Garrett S.. Bugler Sean K. will return in this role. We also have two new Patrol Leaders. For the Dragons we have Victor T. at the helm and Kyle M. for the Wolves. At this time the Patrol Leaders have not yet selected their assistants. The Loons are holding off on their elections until after March 16th, which is when we have our last crossover. They have decided that it would not be fair to elect leaders without the whole Patrol having a chance to vote. I will have that information in my corner next month.

I am happy to say that we are starting our spring camping season, which also means that fishing season is just around the corner. I think I have "cabin fever." We have some good campouts on the board for this year. I hope to see all our Scouts take advantage of the opportunities that the PLC has planned. As your Scoutmaster, I would like for all of our Scouts to look back at the past year. When you do this, ask yourself, "Is there anything that I could

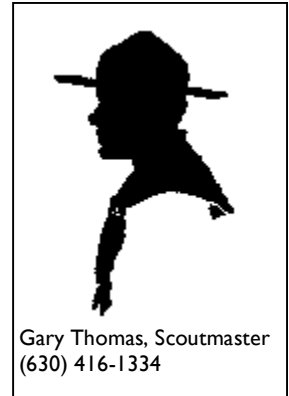
have done to make my scouting experience better? Also, how could I have helped the troop to be a better unit?" If there are things that you think need to be changed, come to the PLC meeting and let your voice be heard. Remember, this is **your** troop.

I am pleased to announce Dan F's Eagle package is back and waiting for his Eagle Court of Honor. Zack L., Eagle Candidate, is ready for his Board of Review. Drew H. finished his Eagle project and is waiting for his reference letter to arrive. And Michael W. is getting ready for his Eagle project to go for approval.

To all of our new troop families, I have to apologize to you. It has taken me way too long to get the "Welcome Guide" into your hands. I did hand them out to your sons at our March 6th troop meeting. There are some forms in the back of the guide. I will need to have those filled out along with the Scout registration form and returned to Mr. Tom Meyers as soon as possible. If you already turned them in, thank you. Once all new Scouts join the ranks, a "New Parents Meeting" will be scheduled to answer your questions and concerns. We will also have a "Parents' Summer Camp Meeting" coming up in the near future. I will have more information coming about Loon Basic Training in April.

Looking Ahead,

Gary Thomas, Scoutmaster



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(630) 416-1334

## High Adventure

This year our High Adventure will be Backpacking The Ozark Trail in Missouri. We will leave on August 5th and return on August 11th. The estimated cost per Scout will be \$350.

Requirements to attend are: you must be at least 13 years old or finished 7th grade and achieved the rank of First Class by departure date. You must also attend the April 3rd troop meeting when REI will give a backpacking presentation.

We will have four training hikes and one local training session at Blackwell; it is highly recommended that you attend all of the hikes and the training session. Please note that you are required to attend a minimum of three hikes (please note the mandatory hike); it is recommend that you attend all hikes and the training session.

1. Starved Rock one day hike. April 28th. Meet @ GSL at 6 am with 75% of gear.
2. Owasippe backpacking May 4, 5, 6th with 95% of gear.
3. Indiana Dunes May 18, 19, 20th with 100% of gear.
4. Local training at Blackwell Mt. Trashmore. June 16th. Meet @ Concession Stand at 8 a.m. with 100% of gear.

**Mandatory** River Ridge Back Pack Trail in Forest Glen Preserve in Westville, IL. June 29, 30 & July 1st with 100% of gear and food for one week.

Upcoming High Adventure meetings will be announced soon. If you have questions, call Mrs. Thomas @ 630-416-1334



## What Is OA?

### History

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA was recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers and became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

### Membership

The OA has more than 183,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 300 BSA local councils. The Three Fires Council Lodge is Lowaneu Allanque Lodge #41.

### Eligibility

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop or Varsity team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

### Current Troop Membership

Currently Troop 75 has five OA members; 3 Scouts and 2 Adults. Six Scouts and two adults will be inducted later this summer. Who those Scouts and adults are, will remain unknown until they are "tapped out" for their induction. Their names will be announced in the August newsletter.



## Owasippe Wish List

It was with great happiness that our Summer Camp Committee learned that Owasippe Summer Camp will be operated at least through 2008. With at least 2 more summers of operation, the Staff at Owasippe would like to spruce up buildings and obtain new equipment for Scoutcraft in camps Blackhawk (GO!), and Wolverine. To do this, they need our help. If you or anyone you know has and is willing to donate items from the following list, the Staff (and our Scouts) would be very appreciative.

Please let Ana know if you are able to contribute:

### Scoutcraft

Compasses; GPS receiver; demonstration tent (dome, backpacking, wall, ridge); cast iron dutch ovens; 1/4" manila rope (1000 ft each camp); 1/2" manila rope (500 ft each camp); back packing stove; water purification pump; frame back packs (internal & external); binders twine; burlap sandbags; cooking kits (pots, pans, plates, frying pans); cooking grates; new Patrol boxes (at least 3 per camp); picnic tables; fire guard tools; wood tools (3 3/4 axes, 2 new bow saws, blades, hatches & camp saw); sharpening tools (bastard file, sharpening stones); plastic tarps; storage shed; crosscut saws.

### Maintenance

Shingles (100 squares); 9V batteries (50); AA batteries (100); rope throw bags (3); plastic canoe paddles (10); outside doors w/out windows (6 24x78; 1 36x78); 50kw generator; 2.5 lb ABC fire extinguisher; white exterior latex paint (50 gal); gray exterior latex paint (25 gal); redwood exterior latex paint (100 gal); small air conditioner; 80 gal. LP water heaters (2); Bosch instant on water heaters (2); toilet (1); shower (1); bathroom sink (1); 42" to 50" riding lawn mower; wall furnace 20,000 BTU propane (2); LP apartment stove (1).

## Leadership Positions

Looking for a way to contribute to our Troop? The Troop Committee is always looking for adults to help in a variety of ways.

We are looking for new parents to join our current Adult Leaders as Committee Members. A Committee Member is simply a registered Leader with the Troop. This is a great way to learn how the Troop runs and to explore other Leadership roles that will come available in the future.

Please see Ana if you would like to learn more about ways you can help the Troop.

**Famous Scouts:** Neil Armstrong - First Man On The Moon (Eagle Scout); William Bennett, Former Secretary of Education (Eagle Scout); Walter Cronkite - Journalist, T.V. commentator; William C. DeVries, M.D., Transplanted first artificial heart (Eagle Scout); Arthur Eldred, (First Eagle Scout); Harrison Ford, Actor (Life Scout); Branford Marsalis, Jazz musician (Life Scout); Jim Morrison - Rock Legend (Boy Scout)