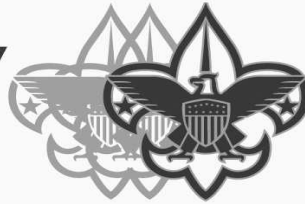




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Upcoming Troop 75 Events:

- October 20th-22nd Camporee
- November 11th Pancake Breakfast
- November 17-19th Backpacking trip to Morris, IL
- November 21st Troop Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 28th Troop Meeting at Vertical Endeavors
- December 12th Troop Christmas Party
- December 15th-16th Rush Copley Lock-in

First Annual Mother/Son Campout Huge Success!

The first annual Troop 75 Mother/Son campout was a huge success. The boys went above and beyond to assure the moms in attendance had a fun, relaxing weekend and not one of the moms washed a single dish! On Friday night the boys worked diligently to set up tents for all the moms, their own tents, and the PDS. Saturday morning we all enjoyed waking up to our Troop Bugler playing Reveille and were then served a wonderful breakfast cooked and served by our Scouts. Many of the moms enjoyed a hike before lunch, where we learned about orienteering, tree identification and had fun crossing the creeks.

After lunch, the boys in all the Patrols worked together to build a monkey bridge. While the boys worked on the bridge, the moms participated in a Troop moms meeting where Ana shared some great tips about finding gear for our scouts at the best prices and ways for us to help preserve the boys scouting memories! After our moms meeting, the moms had

some time to relax at camp or take a ride into town.

Once the monkey bridge was complete, we all took turns crossing. It's difficult to say who had more fun—the boys or the moms!

The Patrols outdid themselves with dinner; we all ate very well! We relaxed around the campfire and were entertained with skits from each of the Patrols. The evening was capped off with a very delicious cobbler dessert.

We were all happy that the rain held off until we were tucked into our tents. The boys did a great job making breakfast and breaking camp in the rain.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for helping the boys plan a great weekend for the moms, and to the dads who helped throughout the weekend as well.

Thank you to the boys who went above and beyond to show the moms how special they are! We can't wait until the 2nd Annual Mother/Son Campout!



Mrs. Thomas crosses the Monkey Bridge at Mother/Son



Pancake Tickets Are Flying Off The Griddle!

Despite getting caught in not one but two weekend rain storms, the Scouts of Troop 75 are doing a great job getting the word out about our upcoming Pancake breakfast. Working together, the boys have been to many neighborhoods, letting as many people as possible know about our great pancakes! Thank you to the boys who have

sold door to door the first three weekends. Remember to be prepared for whatever the weather my bring during the last couple of selling weekends!

As a Troop, the boys have set a future goal of purchasing a new Troop trailer, As a team they are doing a great job working together to reach that goal!



TEAM

Together Everyone
Achieves More

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.

2006 Dates to save:

- October 14th & 28th**—Merit Badge Clinic
- October 20th-22nd**—Camporee
- October 23rd**—PLC Meeting
- November 6th**—Troop Committee Meeting
- November 10th**—Pancake Breakfast Set up
- November 11th**—Pancake Breakfast
6 am—1 pm Good Shepard Lutheran Church
- November 17th-19th**—Backpacking in Morris, IL
- November 21st**—Troop Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 27th**—PLC Meeting
- November 28th**—Troop Outing @ Vertical Endeavors
- December 4th**—Troop Committee Meeting
- December 12th**—Troop Christmas Party
- December 15th-16th**—Troop Lock-in @ Rush Copley
- December 18th**—PLC Meeting
- December 19th**—Last Troop meeting for 2006

No Troop meetings December 26th

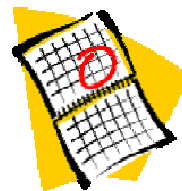
Or January 2nd

Enjoy your winter break!

2007 Dates

To save:

- January 21st**
2007— Troop Pot Luck and Court of Honor 1-4 pm Good Shepard Lutheran Church
- January 26th-28th**—Klondike
- February 10th-11th**—Ski Trip to Cascade
- March 16th-18th**—Troop Camping
- April 13th-15th**—Loons Basic Training
- April 27th-29th**—Troop Camping
- July 7th—14th**—Summer Camp



Training Update

Do you remember when you last participated in Youth Protection Training? If you can't remember, then it's quite possible that it's been more than two years. It is recommended that every adult who participates in Scouting events complete Youth Protection training every two years. This course is now available on-line. Simply log on to threefirescouncil.org and click on the Training link. There you will find on-line access to Youth Protection training, Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat, and Boy Scout Leader Fast Start. When you have completed an on-line training, please print the completion certificate, keep a copy for your records and turn in a copy to our Troop Training Chair Peggy Fields.



On-line training is now available for

Holiday Wreath Sales



Please turn in all wreath orders and \$ on Tuesday November 14th

Holiday wreath sales are an optional fundraiser the Scouts of Troop 75 may participate in if they wish. All wreath orders and money must be turned in to Mr. Meyers at the November 14th Troop meeting.

Any Scouts who sold wreaths will be responsible for picking up their orders at the Church on Saturday December 2nd between 10 am and Noon. Scouts are responsible for delivering the

wreaths to their customers. Please make sure your customers are aware of the delivery date! We don't want any unhappy customers!

Sales forms will be available at all Troop meetings. Any questions about wreath sales can be directed to Tom Meyers, 983-1028 or via email at wreaths@napervilletroop75.org

"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed." -- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Scoutmaster Corner

Our first Court of Honor & Picnic went very well. It was very nice to be able to share a good meal and see the scouts and siblings playing and having a good time. It was very much appreciated having all of you attend. I'm looking forward to having the same turnout for our winter Court of Honor/Potluck in January. More details will follow. Congratulations to all of our scouts who advanced and earned merit badges. Keep up the good work.

We had our first Mother & Son campout, judging by the smiles on their faces, the mothers had a lot of fun. They got a first hand look at what their sons do at a campout. Our young men did an excellent job. They assembled tents, cooked, cleaned and built a monkey bridge. I think they stood a little straighter and a little taller after that campout. I know that I was very proud of them. A job well done!

We have also had Troop and Patrol elections, please see the list of positions below.

I would like to thank Kyle M. and his staff for their time and

efforts in helping make Troop 75 a better unit.

We attended the Indian Prairie District Open House for Webelos. Once again our scouts stepped up and showed the District what a great Troop they are. The way their carried themselves made me very proud to be their Scoutmaster. All the feedback that I received was very positive.

The troop will be attending Camporee at the end of October. We will be running an orienteering course that the scouts will design. We will also have a team competing. We will be hosting 2 dens from Pack 543.

Our fundraising sales have begun, and our young men are again working very hard, and doing a great job. I know that door to door sales can be very frustrating at times. The things that I want you to do are these:

- Hold your head high
- Keep a smile on your face and continue on

Just remember that you are a proud member of Troop 75: The best Troop in the District.

For all of your adults, we are always looking for your help with the Troop. Please feel free to call or e-mail and let me know how you can help.

It is my pleasure to recognize Eagle Scout Adam H. On September 23, Adam had his Eagle Court of Honor. It was great to see such a large turn out from our Scouts. I know how proud Jill and Robert are of Adam. It was a very special day. We have some young men who are about to complete the Eagle trail. Anthony A. just finished his Scoutmaster Conference and his Eagle package will be going in the next few days. Dan F. is almost finished with his post write up and we are just waiting for his Reference Letters. Zac L. is very close to having his Eagle project approved in the next few days. Let's wish him luck as we are looking forward to him earning his Eagle in the near future. What a wonderful feeling it is to see this young man so close to achieving this much sought after goal.

Always Proud,
Gary Thomas
Scoutmaster



Gary Thomas,
Scoutmaster
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Yea! for the moms of Troop 75—they all spent the weekend in their tents. We don't need a hotel!

Troop 75 Troop & Patrol Leadership

Sr. Patrol Leader:	Tyler R.	<u>Dragons</u>	Patrol Leader:	Sean K.
Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader:	Victor T.		Asst. Patrol Leader:	Zach T.
	Jonathan B.			
Scribe:	Nathan K.	<u>Loons</u>	Patrol Leader:	Ryan A.
Quartermaster:	Garrett S.		Asst. Patrol Leader:	Sean D.
Troop Guide:	Stephan W.		Quartermaster:	Mark K.
Instructors:	Eric L.			
	Andrew K.	<u>Wolves</u>	Patrol Leader:	Tyler S.
Bugler:	Sean K.		Asst. Patrol Leader:	Andy M.
Librarian:	Kyle M.			

