



# TROOP 75

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## Senior Patrol Leader Report      You're All Invited!

Senior Patrol Leaders met recently to share information about their respective patrols and plan future events for the Troop.

Upcoming Eagle projects include Michael W's project which will have work days on May 11th and May 12th. Michael will be building a prayer garden at the Bethany Fox Valley United Methodist Church. If you would like to help (Friday from 5 pm until 8 pm or Saturday from 8 am until 3 pm), please call Michael and let him know when you plan to be there.

New policies implemented by the SPL include the summer uniform which consists of the Troop Class B shirt and the Troop 75 hat. You may wear your choice of shorts and socks for summer. We will also implement advancement nights which will have one theme (for example, first aid, knots, lashings).

### Upcoming Meetings-

- 5/8- Mock trial (Andy M's Law merit badge)
- 5/15- Compass and map training
- 5/22- Advancements (First Aid)
- Loons Patrol has set up/tear down in May
- Summer meetings start on June 5th

## Troop Meeting Uniform Policy For Summer

On Tuesday June 5th, we will have our first Troop meeting of the summer. At this time, our uniform policy changes from the normally required Class A uniform to our Summer Time Class B uniform. The summer uniform consists of the Troop 75 Class B t-shirt and the Troop 75 hat. You may wear any type of comfortable shorts/jeans and socks of your choice. Same rules apply in the summer as the school year, if you are not in proper uniform, you will receive a warning. If you attend again without the proper uniform, you will be sent home. Please see Mr. Thomas or your Patrol leader with any questions.

Robert and Jill H. would like to invite the Scouts of Troop 75 and their families to their son Drew's Eagle Court of Honor, Saturday, May 26th at

11:00 am at Knox Presbyterian Church, 1105 Catalpa Lane. Knox is located

near Casey's grocery store off of Gartner and Washington Sts. Everyone

should have received an invitation in the mail. No need to RSVP, simply come if you can. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.



## Swim Test Part 2!

Thank you to everyone who came out on April 22nd for the annual swim test. For those who were unable to attend in April and for any moms planning to attend the Mother/Son campout in June, we are offering an additional swim test date. We have scheduled the next swim test date on Friday May 25th at the YMCA. Waivers & details will be sent out via the Troop email. Swim tests are required annually and are also conducted at summer camp.

The BSA swim test consists of the following: Jump feet first into water over your head in depth. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating for one minute.



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### Upcoming Troop 75 Events:

- May 11th & 12th-Michael W.'s Eagle Project
- May 26th-Drew Holman's Eagle Ceremony
- June 1st-3rd Annual Mother/Son Campout
- June 4th-Troop Committee meeting
- June 5th-Troop Meeting
- June 10th-Troop Carwash 9 am until 3 pm
- June 19th-Troop Meeting





## 2007 Troop 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:

- May 8th** Summer Camp Parent Meeting
- June 1st-3rd** Mother/Son Campout
- June 4th** Committee Meeting
- June 5th** Troop Meeting & June newsletter published
- June 10th** Troop Carwash 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 19th** Troop Meeting
- July 3rd** Troop Meeting & July newsletter published
- July 7th-14th** Summer Camp @ Owasippe Scout Reservation in White Hall, Michigan.

### July 17th Troop Meeting

**August 5th-11th** High Adventure Backpacking on the Current River Section of the Ozark Trail in Missouri.

**August 7th** Troop Meeting & August newsletter published

**August 21st** Troop Meeting

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

**August 28th** Troop Meeting

## Workin' At The Carwash!

On Sunday June 10th Troop 75 will hold their first car wash fundraiser! Funds raised from the car wash will be used to purchase decals for the new Troop trailer. The car wash will start at 9 am and we'll be washing cars until 3 pm. We'll be at the Walmart Supercenter located at 12690 South Route 59, Plainfield. Scouts should plan to bring two old towels (that have not been washed with fabric softener), a few dollars for lunch, and should wear swim trunks, their Troop 75 class B t-shirt and water shoes (we will be in the parking lot and the asphalt may be hot).

Please email Mrs. Aske and let her know what time you plan to arrive and how long you will stay at the car wash. Parents and siblings are welcome too! Tell all your friends to come and get their car washed!

At the June 5th meeting we will work on signs for the car wash, please bring markers to the meeting.

## Troop Recycle Bin

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.

Outgrown 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.

## Dankschen! Mahalo! Grazie! Thank You!

### Thank you goes out to...

- Mr. Karapas for getting Mrs. Karapas Grand Cherokee ready to tow the big trailer and for lending us the SUV so we could tow the trailer to Owasippe.
- Mr. Manna for towing the small trailer and for installing 2 bathroom doors.
- Mr. Burril for helping Mr. Manna install the doors.
- Mr. Gorkis and Mrs. Seng for painting the bathroom doors.
- Mr. Klimek and Mr. Madamba for helping with the Loon patrol.
- Mr. Murman for making such a good coffee (he is hired)!
- Mr. Seaton for helping our young fishermen set up their fishing poles and then untangling many yards of line throughout the day.
- Eagle Scout Drew H. for helping to cook such good cobbler.



## Scoutmaster Corner

Troop 75,

What a great spring it has been so far. I want to thank all of our older Scouts who came to the Loon Basic Training. I can't tell you how much it means that all of you took your time to start teaching our new Scouts their first Scout Skills. All of the feedback I have gotten has all been very positive. I think that the Loons had a great time as did our older Scouts. I have to let all of you know that this was the campout that this Troop worked as one unit. The training was the best I have seen. After dinner our Scouts played capture the flag against Troop 81. There were camped right next to us. After capture the flag all of our Scouts sat around the camp fire and sang songs, and did skits. Even the Scouts who normally turn in early stayed up for the festivities. What a great sight that was to see.

I want to thank Sean D. for all his hard work on the New Scout Investiture Ceremony. He designed the ceremony and put it into motion. This was done for his Communications Merit Badge. I think that he did a great job as did the rest of the Scouts who helped with the ceremony. As Troop 75 is a Scout run troop, at times the communication between Scouts and adult leaders isn't perfect and some things get overlooked. As all of our Scouts are working on their communication skills, we as adults need to be very cognizant that these young men are learning and practicing these skills. I hope that we all give our Scouts some leeway. They are going to forget some things, as so do we.

Most all of our Scouts have turned in their summer camp paperwork. Patrol Mentors will be

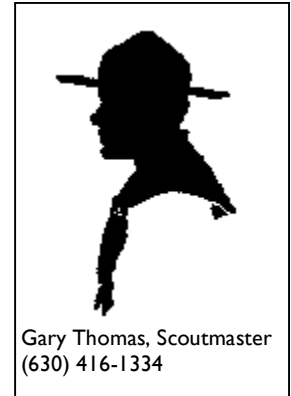
looking over what merit badges and outposts each of their Scouts are taking. We are looking at the largest number of Scouts attending summer camp that I have seen since I have been Scoutmaster. I think that we will be one of the larger Troops at camp. I am looking forward to going to camp.

On my Eagle update, on Sunday April 29th Drew H. passed his Eagle Board of Review thus becoming our newest Eagle Scouts. Congratulations to Drew and his parents Jill and Robert. This makes 100% of the men in the family Eagle Scouts. Adam, Drew's brother and his father Robert are also Eagle Scouts. This was a great day for the Holman's.

Mike W. will be asking for help with his Eagle project on May 11th and 12th. Eric L. is waiting for his project to be approved. Nathan O. has written up his project and is waiting for some signatures so that he can submit his project for approval. We are looking forward to helping these Scouts with one of the last pieces of their Eagle goal. All of our Scouts should be looking at what they need to do to take that next step on the Eagle Trail.

I hope that everyone, Scouts and adults who are going to summer camp are getting excited. As the song says, "Owasippe is Heaven on Earth."

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## High Adventure Training Reminder

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. High Adventure deposits are due to Mrs. Thomas ASAP.

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. Remaining training hikes include:

Indiana Dunes May 18, 19, 20th with 100% of gear.

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 22, 23 & 24 with 100% of gear and food for one week.

If you have questions, please call Mrs. Thomas @ 630-416-1334



## Troop Email

Everyone in the troop should receive the monthly newsletter at the second Troop meeting of the month and by email. If you are not receiving the troop emails or wish to make any additions or changes to your email address, please contact Tom Meyers at :

webmaster@napervilletroop75.org.

Also, please check the troop roster for accuracy and contact Tom if there are any errors or if there is any missing information for your scout.

## Reneker Family Camp

Reneker Family Camp is located amidst the beautiful Oak Forest of the Owasippe Scout Reservation. It provides a camping experience for the families of Scouts and Leaders. A full range of program is available for all ages, which includes swimming, handicrafts, hiking, canoeing, ice-cream socials and more!

Reneker features a relaxed recreational program for all campers. A swimming pool and wading pool are available for use. In the morning, children are placed in groups by age and supervised by qualified counselors. Activities vary by age and ability and include crafts, games, hikes and swimming. Programs and activities have additional fees based on materials used. \*There are no programs for children under the age of three (3). Swimming lessons are provided for various age groups. Craft classes are offered as well as archery and BB gun shooting! Evening activities include campfire program, family game night, bowling, hayride, potluck meal, and ice-cream socials. Some classes have additional fees based on materials used.

Cabins comfortably sleep 4 to 5 people in two bedrooms with bunk beds and have an electric stove and refrigerator. IFor more information about family camp, contact Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Seaton.

## May Campout

Wow! Beautiful weather, many fish caught, and excellent food cooked outside, what more could you ask for at a Troop Campout? Everyone who attended the May camping trip to the Camp Wolverine (ZAXIE!) on the Owasippe Scout Reservation had a great time. We fished, canoed, went out in row boats, played football, sang songs and performed skits around the campfire, and took a tour of Camp Blackhawk (GO!) where we saw our summer camp site, checked out the mess hall and experienced "the jumps".



The Scouts tour Camp Blackhawk (GO!)

## 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" manilia rope (1000 ft each camp); 1/2" manilia 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).

**Blackhawk Shower Addition** (for an addition that will be added to the staff washroom to accommodate the female staff)

2x4x8 treated (48); 2x8x8 (1); 2x4x12 treated (12); 4x8x3/8

T-111 8 inch groves (6); 4x8x3/4 roofing sheets (5); 4x8x1/4 fiberglass paneling (8); shower (1); 36" steel door (1); interior lights (2); GFI power outlets (2); 1 1/2 - 2 yards concrete; toilet base (1); 4" drain elbows (1); 4"x10' drain pipe (2); 4" drain YI sink faucet (1); sink connecting line (2); sink trap (1); 1/2"x10' PVC pipe (4); 1/2" PVC elbows (8); 1/2" PVC T's (4); toilet connecting line (1); frosted skylight (1).



Mr. Klimek  
leases a nice bass

the May campout.

catches and re-  
while fishing at