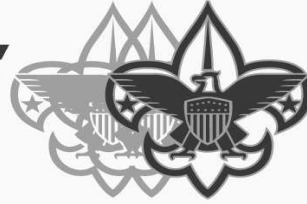




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Senior Patrol Leader Report Travel Uniform Policy

Upcoming events for Troop 75 were recently presented to the Troop Committee by SPL Tyler R. The PLC has planned the following events for the summer:

- 7/17- Speedball/Activity planning
- 7/31- Dodge ball/Football
- 8/7- Baseball/ Last day for board of reviews
- 8/21- Kickball
- 8/28- Election Preparation/First aid advancement night

There will be an orienteering trip on Wednesday July 18th. It will be at Blackwell, from 6:30pm-8:00pm(compasses and water should be brought).

There will also be a service project opportunity while we are at camp. SPL Tyler is organizing a group to build an entrance over our camp site. This project will be held in the afternoons while we are at camp. Anyone who would like to help while at summer camp, please see Tyler R.

Workin' At the Carwash!

Thank you to everyone who brought their cars out to be washed, asked their friends and families to bring their cars out to be washed, or paid to have your car not washed!

The Scouts did a great job and worked very hard washing many, many cars, trucks and trailers! The Scouts managed to collect \$838 in donations working from 9 am until 3 pm. When Walmart sends us the matching funds check, we will have earned \$1,676! Great job Scouts and parents! And Thank You Walmart!

Any time we travel to and from a Troop campout, the Scouts of Troop 75 are required to wear their Class A shirt, Troop 75 hat, and a neckerchief or bolo (First Class and above may wear a bolo). It is to the scout's discretion as to what type of pants and socks he wears on a campout. Please keep weather conditions in mind and be appropriately prepared.

This travel policy applies when traveling to and from summer camp as well. Please be dressed appropriately when you arrive at the Church on Saturday morning!

Summer Camp Reminders

All medical forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Thomas ASAP. Everyone should have received a list of any missing paperwork, please turn all paperwork in prior to our departure.

Please remember to send lunch money with your Scout for the rides to and from camp. For the ride home, the money should be placed in an envelope marked "lunch" and with your son's name. This envelope will be given to your son on the ride home prior to our lunch stop.

Please remember to put daily spending money in an envelope clearly marked with your Scout's name and the day of the week. Each Scout will be given the opportunity to collect their allotted funds from the "bank" each day prior to going to the trading post. We recommend \$5 or so per day per Scout.

Please send your Scout mail. Do not send food or candy!

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Start sending letters to camp on July 5th! Allow for normal USPS delivery time and time for Owaspippe to get letters to the camp sites! Try not to send any mail after Tuesday July 10th! We may be home before that mail arrives! Send mail to:

**Scout Name
Troop 75
Camp Blackhawk
Site #10
Owaspippe Scout
Reservation
9900 Russell Road
Twin Lake, MI
49457**



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.

2007 Troop Dates:

July 7th-14th Summer Camp @ Owasippe Scout Reservation in White Hall, Michigan.

July 17th Troop Meeting

July 28th High Adventure Hike - location to be determined

July 31st Troop Meeting (**Newly Added!**)

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

August 7th Troop Meeting & August newsletter published; final Board of Reviews held for August 26th Court of Honor

August 21st Troop Meeting

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

August 28th Troop Meeting

Additional Summer Camp Reminders

- ▶ All gear should be labeled! Use a silver sharpie on dark colors. Label everything - even socks and underwear!
- ▶ Send a Sharpie® marker with your Scout to camp so he can label any new items he may purchase at the trading post.
- ▶ Scouts working on the swimming merit badge need to bring the following items to meet their merit badge requirements: old shoes that can get wet, old socks, long pants (nylon sport pants work best), and a long-sleeved button front shirt. The Scouts will jump into the water wearing these items over their swim trunks and will need to take them off and inflate them to demonstrate a water survival technique.
- ▶ Send a black plastic garbage bag for storing all clothing that will get wet!!
- ▶ Rain gear is a MUST! Right now there are a few days while at camp where some rain is predicted.
- ▶ Send some extra money for a trip to the large Trading Post. T-shirts are about \$15, knives are about \$10.... Put this money in an envelope with your Scout's name on it and mark it "For Trading Post"
- ▶ Send extra batteries for flash lights; be prepared!
- ▶ A disposable camera is nice to have—even better if it's waterproof!

REMEMBER TO LABEL EVERYTHING!

Dankschen! Mahalo! Grazie! Thank You!

Thank you goes out to...

- Mrs. Aske for coordinating our Troop carwash fundraiser—what a huge success!
- All the Scouts and parents who worked so hard at the car wash!
- Mrs. Lybrand for donating the food and drinks for the Scouts and the parents working at the car wash!
- Mrs. Lybrand for donating coolers to the Troop and to Owasippe!



Scoutmaster Corner

Troop 75,

Summer Camp is just around the corner, I hope that everyone is ready to go. I know that I am very excited about going. I'm sure that there are also some nervous people. This might be the first time away from your parents, for more than a day or so. I also know that a lot of you guys will be home sick, but that is a natural feeling. I think that some of the older guys will tell you that they don't miss home, but I'm not sure that is the case.

I hope that all of the guys that are playing baseball this summer are having winning seasons. And I hope that all of your family vacations are loads of fun.

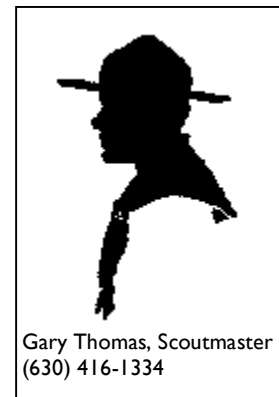
We are having a busy season for Eagle Projects. Eric L. has recently completed his project at Good Shepard. Dan M. will have finished his project at St. Johns by publication time. Mike W. has a few more letters to come in and he will be ready for his Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. Nathan O. is moving along with his Eagle Project also. I encourage all of our Scouts to help out on as many of these Eagle Projects as possible. The time will come when you too will need help.

In Patrol News, the Loon Patrol has gone on their outing to the Chicagoland Speedway Demolition Derby. They were able to do the flag ceremony at the track. Between Scouts, parents, and siblings, they had 50 people in attendance. They have also completed the required service projects for the Patrol Honor Award. They will hold two Patrol meetings at summer camp and they will have completed all the requirements.

The Wolves are also working for the Patrol Honor Award. They have done one service project and picked their outing. They are about 2/3 complete. I encourage the Dragon patrol to work on this award as you can start it at any time.

I'm looking forward to a great time at summer camp. Good times, good friends, and good Scouting. Best of all, good fishing!

Proud to be your Scout Master,
Mr. Thomas



Gary Thomas, Scoutmaster
(630) 416-1334

Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day, as our campfire fades away.

Silently each Scout should ask, have I done my daily task?

Have I kept my honor bright?

Can I guiltless sleep tonight?

Have I done and have I dared everything to be prepared?

A typical meeting involves an opening and closing ceremony, Our Troop meeting is typically closed with the retiring of the colors and then the entire Troop forms a circle and sings the Scout Vespers.