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Senior Patrol Leader Report Mmmm, Pancakes!

Congratulations to the following Scouts who are the newest members of our Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC).

Senior Patrol Leader - Alex H.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – Nathan K.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – Keith M.

Dragon Patrol Leader – Ryan A.

Dragon Assistant Patrol Leader – Ryan M.

Wolf Patrol Leader – Kyle M.

Loon Patrol Leader – Ty S.

Loon Assistant Patrol Leader – Bryan M.

Loon Assistant Patrol Leader – John S.

Bugler – Nathan K.

Chaplain Aide – Jake B.

Instructor – Kyle F.

Librarian – Mark K.

Quartermaster – Garrett S.

Scribe – Kyle F.

Troop Guide – Victor T.

All families should receive a parent letter regarding the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser being held on Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Activity Center at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Naperville. The fundraiser promotes the opportunity for all the scouts and their families in Troop 75 to work as a team to raise funds to pay for equipment, awards, insurance and other expenses. The parent letter gives detailed information on this fundraiser.

Seventeen door-to-door ticket selling sessions will run on six weekends: September 22, 29-30, October 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. The sessions run on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Scouts and their parents (drivers) were able to start signing up for shifts on the evening of September 11. Signup sheets will be available at future troop meetings in September and October.

Scouts may also sell to Friends & Family. Please inform the Pancake Breakfast Co-Chairs as soon as possible if your scout will or will not be selling in your subdivision. If your scout plans on selling in his subdivision, the troop will not sell there during a regular selling session.

Each scout and at least one of his parents need to work the day of the Pancake Breakfast from 6:00 a.m. until around 1:00 p.m. when cleanup is complete. Volunteer positions include Pancake Mixers; Pancake Flippers; Sausage Bakers; Coffee & Juice Makers; Food Trackers; Pancake & Sausage Servers; Coffee & Juice Servers; Syrup Re-fillers; Kitchen Floaters; Ticket Collectors; Floor Helpers; and Greeters. Cleaning up will be everybody's job! Parents were able to start signing up for Pancake Breakfast Day volunteer positions on the evening of September 11. Signup sheets will be available at future troop meetings in September and October.

To summarize, the fundraiser will work if we receive participation from each scout and his family in selling tickets and working at the pancake breakfast. If you have any questions, please email pancake_planners@napervilletroop75.org or call the Pancake Committee Co-Chairs: Joan Hurst at 898-7257; Stacy Berger at 585-0088; and Mary Grace Madamba at 375-0599.

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Dates to remember:

- September 11th** Troop Meeting
- September 18th** Troop Meeting
- September 23rd** Boy Scout Open House
- September 24th** PLC meeting 7 pm
- September 25th** Troop Meeting

Troop Lost and Found

Lost an item at summer camp? Come home with an extra mess kit? Please check the Troop Lost and Found each month when trying to track down your items.

Found after summer camp:

One fold up Sports Authority navy blue chair. Please see Assistant Scoutmaster Klimek if this chair belongs to you.

If your Scout has borrowed a hat from the Troop supply closet and did not pay for it that night, please send \$10 with your Scout to the next meeting to cover the cost. Each Scout is given one hat when he joins the Troop, additional hats are available at a cost of \$10 each.

Troop Web Site has new host!

Check out the new and improved Troop 75 web site at: <http://napervilletroop75.org/>
Please provide any feedback about the web site to webmaster@troop75.org.
Be sure to check out the new and improved Troop calendar!



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:

September 11th Troop Meeting
September 18th Troop Meeting
September 23rd Boy Scout Open House
September 24th PLC meeting 7 pm
September 25th Troop Meeting
October 1st Committee Meeting
October 2nd Troop Meeting
October 9th Troop Meeting
October 13th Orienteering 8 am
October 14th Scout Trap Shoot (13 yrs+)
October 16th Troop Meeting
October 19th thru 21st Camporee
October 23rd Troop Meeting

October 27th Merit Badge Clinic
October 30th Troop Meeting
November 5th Committee Meeting
November 6th Troop Meeting
November 10th Pancake breakfast
November 13th Troop Meeting
November 17th Merit Badge Clinic
November 20th Troop Thanksgiving
November 27th Troop Meeting
December 3rd Committee Meeting
December 4th Troop Meeting
December 11th Troop Meeting
December 18th Troop Meeting
No Troop meetings will be held on December 25th or January 1st. Enjoy your holidays!

Help Wanted!

Looking for a way to contribute your time and talents to Troop 75? Have we got a job for you! The Troop Committee is always looking for help from the very dedicated parents of our Scouts. Don't feel like you have to give a lot of time? We will work with your schedule. All Troop adults are welcome and encouraged to volunteer! Some roles we are looking to fill include:

Assistant Scoutmasters

Committee Members

Merit Badge Counselors

Summer Camp Selection Committee - this new Committee will work with a group of Scouts to make an well informed decision as to where the Scouts would like to attend Summer Camp in 2008. This will be a fun, short term commitment. Please see Vinton Trobridge to get involved with this Committee.

Please contact Dani Seaton at 299-3267 or dani@4buddies.net to learn more about ways you can help to make Troop 75 successful for our Scouts!

Dankschen! Mahalo! Grazie! Thank You!

Thank you goes out to...

- Mrs. Aske for coordinating the great outing to the NIU football game.
- All the parents who drove to/from the NIU football game.
- Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Hurst, and Mrs. Madamba for stepping up to be our Pancake Planners.
- Mrs. Gorkis, Mrs. Murman-Freer, and Mrs. Seng for stepping up to be our Hat and T-shirt Coordinators.
- Mr. and Mrs. Keitzer for hosting a recent Eagle Board of Review.
- Mrs. Hurst and the Scouts who planned and conducted the very nice Court of Honor.



Scoutmaster Corner

Dear Troop 75 Parents:

On Sunday August 26, the troop held a Court of Honor at Von Oven Scout Camp. I would like to congratulate all of the Scouts who received merit badges and rank advancements. In addition, I would like to recognize the Scouts who ran the program. They did a great job planning and conducting the awards ceremony. Lastly, I want to thank all of the parents that also helped make this day a success.

On Tuesday, September 4, the troop held elections for the troop scout leader positions. I look forward to working with the new Senior Patrol Leader, Alex H., and the entire Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) to lead the troop for the next year. We will be holding junior leadership training for all of the members of the PLC.

One of the goals of the PLC will be to increase the focus on teaching skills and advancement requirements during regular troop meetings and outings. They have already started this by picking a theme for each month and will be choosing skill activities for each meeting and outing that correspond with that theme. The training will be lead by scouts with coaching and assistance from Scoutmasters when needed.

We are forming a Summer Camp Committee to research the available summer camps for next year. This committee will consist of adults and scouts. The committee will present its findings to the PLC for them to decide where the troop goes next summer. In addition we will be forming another committee to plan next year's High Adventure trip. If you are interested in joining either of these committees please let me know.

Lastly, I will be contacting all of the parents in the troop to schedule a time when we can meet for a parent/scoutmaster conference. I feel that it is important that I meet all of you in person so that we can get to know each other better.

Sincerely,

Vinton Trowbridge



Vinton Trowbridge
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Fall Merit Badge Clinic

The Annual Fall Merit Badge Clinic hosted by the Thunderbird District will be held on Saturday October 27th and Saturday November 17th at the LDS Church in Woodridge for scouts who are 2nd Class and above.

Thank you to Mrs. Fortsch who will be coordinating registration once again for Troop 75.

This fall the merit badges to be offered include: Architecture, Citizenship in the World, Energy, First Aid, Public Speaking, and Safety. If you are a registered Merit Badge Councilor for any of these merit badges and would like to volunteer to teach at this clinic, please call Mrs. Fortch at 978-2824.

More details and registration information will be sent home with the Scouts.

Other information that's good to have!

Check out the Three Fires Council Web site for more details about the following:

- Fall 2007 Scout Shop Sale 10% off *almost all in stock* merchandise at both Scout Shops September 19th through September 22nd.
- Illinois State License Plate Bill Passed. Great news! The Scout License Plate Bill (Public Act 95-0320) has been passed. This Act creates four (4) passenger license plates: Boy Scout; Eagle Scout; Girl Scout & Gold Award. To obtain one of these special license plates, please download the flyer on the Council Web site.
- In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, we want to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting. The goal of our national 100th Anniversary logo contest is to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are due by Nov. 30, 2007. Please download the flyer at threefirescouncil.org for more information.