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Troop Recharter 2008

It's that time again.....2008 Recharter for Troop 75. Registration will begin January 22, 2008 and end March 4, 2008. The annual recharter fee for each scout is as follows:

- \$75.00 if your scout completed 4 selling sessions** for Troop 75 Pancake Breakfast;
- \$150.00 if your scout did not complete 4 selling sessions** for Troop 75 Pancake Breakfast.

Please note that scouts may use money in his scout account to pay towards the recharter fee. Please coordinate the use of scout account funds with Kathy Meyers.

Checks for the renewal fee can be brought to Kathy Lybrand at the weekly meetings or mailed to the address below:

Kathy Lybrand 3912 Broadmoor Circle Naperville, IL 60564

All fees must be received no later than March 4, 2008. Please make checks payable to Troop 75 and note your son(s) name on the check.

**If there are any questions regarding the number of selling sessions the scout completed, please inquire with Joan Hurst.

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Many thanks to....

- Lisa Fortsch and Suja Socrates for setting up and serving the food at the December Christmas party.
- Kathy Lybrand, Eugene Keitzer, and Marty Aske for donating items for the Troop FOS Auction basket.
- Joan Hurst for volunteering to be our 2008 Friends of Scouting Representative.

Summer Camp 2008

Summertime, it seems like a distant memory. Baseball games, barbeques, lazy days at the pool or beach, bicycling, and no school are not really that far off. In a few short months our winter dreams will be a summer reality. So now is the time to start thinking about summer camp and all of the fun and excitement that comes along with it.

This year, our scouts have voted to attend Camp Decorah. What a wonderful and beautiful place! Camp Decorah is located 20 miles north of La Crosse, Wisconsin. This Gateway Area Council BSA operated camp provides a world of scouting adventure on 330 acres of paradise located on the Black River near Galesville, Wisconsin. Whether you are a first year scout or an older scout working towards your Eagle rank, Camp Decorah has something for you.

First year campers can attend the Brownsea program designed for those scouts new to the troop wanting to work on rank advancements leading towards their first class rank. Counselors will cover knots/lashings, first aid, compass, nature identification, cooking and swimming. They will also work on their Swimming merit badge requirements, as well as the First Aid merit badge requirements during the Brownsea program. Second year and more experienced campers will have the opportunity to choose from over 36 merit badges, including over 12 Eagle required badges (link to a complete list of merit badges offered, at www.napervilletroop75.org).

There are numerous exciting afternoon adventures that all Scouts may choose from during their personal time. Some of the choices include, bicycle tours of 10 or 25 miles in the scenic countryside, 4-hour canoe runs on the Black River, an afternoon hike up legendary Decorah Peak looking out over the scenic Black River Valley, fishing for over 9 species of fish, including, Rainbow, Brook and Brown Trout in the Camp Decorah pond, stocked by the National Fish Hatchery in Genoa,

Wisconsin. (article continued on page 2)



Klondike Programming Note:

At this time, the Troop plans to camp over night on Saturday January 26th at Green Valley. Should the air temperature drop to 15 degrees or colder, we will not be staying overnight. Please watch the weather and plan accordingly to pick your Scout up from this event if the temperatures are too low.

Welcome to T75!

Rami S., Adam P., and Max H.!



2007– 2008 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.

January 15th Troop Meeting
January 22nd Troop Meeting
January 25th thru 27th Klondike
January 29th Troop Meeting & Court of Honor
February 4th Committee Meeting
February 5th Troop Meeting
February 9th thru 10th Annual Ski Trip
February 11th PLC and Scoutmaster meeting
February 12th Troop Meeting
February 19th Troop Meeting
February 23rd Merit Badge University

February 26th Troop Meeting
March 3rd Committee Meeting
March 4th Troop Meeting
March 9th Nathan Olson Eagle Ceremony
March 10th PLC meeting
March 11th Troop Meeting
March 14th Friends of Scouting Auction
March 17th Scoutmaster meeting
March 18th Troop Meeting
March 22nd Merit Badge Clinic
March 25th Troop Meeting

Dear Troop 75;

It's hard to believe that it is already 2008. The New Year has just begun and we have gotten off to a nice start by welcoming three new scouts to our Troop. On January 12, 2008 Max H., Adam P. and Rami S. crossed over from Pack 543. We had a large contingent of our Scouts there to welcome them into the troop. Thanks to everyone who was there to help. We will be welcoming at least four more Webelos into the troop over the next two months. This will bring the 2008 new scout patrol to nine scouts, so far.

On December 14–16, 2007, the Troop went to Hoover Scout Camp in Yorkville for a weekend of cabin camping. The boys enjoyed hiking through the snow looking for the best sledding hills. Several good ones we found. They also enjoyed being able to play video games since they are normally not allowed on campouts. There we also many spirited games of Risk, Monopoly and Backgammon.

On January 5, 2008, Michael W. had his Eagle Court of Honor. It was a very nice ceremony. Two of Michael and Stephen's Scoutmasters from their former Troop in Michigan drove from Battle Creek to join in the ceremony. It was fun to hear stories of Michael when he was a young scout. I would also like to congratulate Nathan O. who passed his Eagle Board of Review on

January 6, 2008. Nathan's Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for March 9, 2008. I hope many of you will be able to attend the ceremony. I would also like to congratulate Eric L. who passed his Eagle Board of Review on January 12, 2008. He is the latest Troop 75 Eagle Scout and we look for celebrating his achievement in the near future.

The Troop will be participating in the Klondike Derby at Green Valley Forest Preserve, Thunderbird Youth Campground on January 26-27, 2008. We will also be going on our annual ski trip to Cascade Mountain and Wisconsin Dells on February 9-10, 2008. Lastly, the troop will hold a Court of Honor at our

January 29th meeting. I hope that you will be able to attend to celebrate the achievements the boys have made since this summer.

Sincerely, Vinton Trowbridge



Vinton Trowbridge
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There is a CPR certification program sponsored through The American Red Cross available to Scouts and Leaders during selected afternoon sessions. There is an "Explore Scuba" program available for Scouts 14 years of age and older, as well as various sports activities during free time, with equipment available for checkout. During the evening, after dinner, there are camp wide activities scheduled, such as a pool party, scavenger/staff hunt, cobbler fest, war bats and various field games. If you're feeling a bit like Spiderman, don't forget about the 40' climbing wall and the 50' High COPE adventure course, for an exhilarating rush.



Mark your calendars and reserve the dates of July 6-July 12. You will be glad that you signed up for our best summer camp yet. If you have any questions, just let me know at one of the meetings or send me an e-mail at scottckeeve@sbcglobal.net. I am looking forward to an exciting summer at Camp Decorah. I hope you will join us there. Yours in Scouting, Mr. Scott Keeve Assistant Scoutmaster