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Summer Camp 2008

Dear Troop 75 Families,

There will be a Summer Camp parent meeting on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:45 pm. This meeting is for the parents of Scouts who are planning on attending summer camp from July 6-12. A presentation on Camp Decorah, located in Holmen, WI, with detailed information regarding preparation and planning for your Scout's week of summer fun and adventure will be given.

We will discuss cost, medical exam requirements, healthcare/prescription medication needs, merit badge registration, 1st year Scout programs, food/dietary restrictions, extracurricular activities, as well as parent involvement.

For those Scouts who have attended Camp Decorah in the past, they will find numerous improvements and upgrades to the facilities. Our camp site is centrally located, with all activities within a short distance. The boys can walk to every activity and to the new dining hall without the need to have leaders and parents drive them. There are planned events in the evenings that include a pool party, barbeque and sports. Of course, the rifle and shotgun range is available in the evening for open shooting for those interested.

We will need to get a commitment from each Scout who plans to attend summer camp, no later than Tuesday, February 26 along with a deposit of \$100. Registration for activities and merit badges begins on March 1. Since this process is first come, first served, the sooner we can have a camp roster prepared, the better. We will make every effort to get all Scouts into their program of choice. Please review the list of merit badges offered at the camp with your son prior to turning in his commitment form.

For more information prior to our meeting on February 19, go to the Camp Decorah web site, <http://www.campdecorah.org/home.asp>, for a slide show of the camp. Access the Gateway Council web site, <http://www.gatewayareacouncil.org/council.htm>, click on Camps, Camp Decorah, Leader's Guide – 2008 for detailed information and forms. If you have questions, please feel free to e-mail me at scottckeeve@sbcglobal.net.

See you on February 19.

Sincerely,

Scott Keeve Assistant Scout Master

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Scout Sunday



All Troop 75 Scouts and their families are invited to celebrate Scout Sunday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church during the 9:30 am service. Scouts and Leaders should proudly wear their uniforms to the service and we will sit together as a Unit.

Scouts and their families who attend other Good Shepherd services will also be recognized.

Nathan O. Eagle Ceremony

The Nathan O.'s family would like to invite the Scouts and their families to their son Nathan's Eagle Ceremony on Sunday March 9th.

The ceremony will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 2:30 pm.



February BoR's

Just a reminder that February Board of Reviews will be held on Tuesday February 19th. Scouts wishing to have a BoR should sign up on Tuesday the 12th on the white board.

Troop Recharter 2008

It's that time again.....2008 Recharter for Troop 75. Registration began January 22, 2008, and will 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.



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.

February 18th Scout Master Meeting

February 19th Troop Meeting, & Summer Camp Parent meeting (parent mtg @ 7:45 pm)

February 23rd Merit Badge University

February 24th Scout Sunday 9:30 am (Scouts at all Good Shepherd services will be recognized)

February 26th Troop Meeting - Summer Camp intention forms & \$100 deposit due

March 3rd Committee Meeting

March 4th Troop Meeting **March 7th to 9th** Campout @ Illini Park

March 9th Nathan O. Eagle Ceremony 2:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

March 10th PLC meeting

March 11th Troop Meeting

March 14th Friends of Scouting Auction

March 17th Scoutmaster meeting

March 18th Troop Meeting, New Scout Investiture (ceremony at 7:15 pm), & Required Parent Meeting @ 7:45 pm (new handbooks will be distributed & Troop procedures will be shared with all parents of new and rechartering Scouts.)

March 22nd Thunderbird Merit Badge Clinic

March 25th Troop Meeting

Future Planning Dates:

April 19th to 20th Loons Basic Training

May 9th to 11th canoe trip Turkey Run, IN

June 3rd Court of Honor 7:45 pm

June 13th to 15th Mother/Son Campout

July 6th to 12th Summer Camp

TBD High Adventure (late July or August)

Dear Troop 75,

On January 26, 2008, the Troop participated in the Klondike Derby hosted by the Indian Prairie District at Green Valley Forest Preserve. The weather was relatively mild, for January, and there was plenty of snow for the sled. We had about a dozen boys who participated in the sled races and ran a station at our camp site. The Troop also served lunch to several Cub Scout Packs. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the cooking and serving for over 40 Cub Scouts and their parents.

On February 1, we welcomed Coleman C. to the Troop from Pack 988. On February 10, we welcomed Christopher M. and Michael B. to the Troop from Pack 5. We will be welcoming five more scouts to the Troop in the next month. This will bring the 2008 new scout patrol to thirteen scouts.

During the rest of February, we will be adding a new patrol and redistributing the scouts into the Dragons, Wolves and the new patrol (yet to be named). In addition the Troop will be holding our semiannual elections for Troop leadership positions. Therefore, it will be very important for your boys to attend the remaining meetings in February.

On March 7–9, the Troop will be camping at Illini State Park, near Marseilles. We will be spending most of Saturday hiking at Starved Rock State Park. On April 19 & 20, the Troop will hold our New Scout Campout. On this campout the older scouts will be teaching the new scouts all of the basic camping skills such as pitching tents, fire safety, knife safety, lighting lanterns, how to use the cooking equipment, dishwashing, etc.

Lastly, we are putting the final touches on the new Troop 75 Handbook. We will be distributing the handbook to the scouts in March. The handbook is to be used by the Scout to keep all of his scouting records, i.e. merit badge and rank advancement cards. In addition the handbook contains all of the Troop 75 procedures, guidelines and forms. We hope that this will be a useful resource for both Scouts and parents.

If used properly, it will be a big advantage when preparing for the Eagle rank.

Sincerely, Vinton Trowbridge



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2008 Potawatomi Trails Merit Badge University

Any Scout who would like to attend the 2008 Potawatomi Trails Merit Badge University can log on to their web site at: <http://www.potawatomidistrict.com/>. Scroll down about 1/3 of the page to reach the MBU link. Registration for Scouts outside of the Potawatomi District opened on January 28th and on-line registrations will be open until February 15th. The cost for this all day Merit Badge Clinic including a hot lunch is \$25.