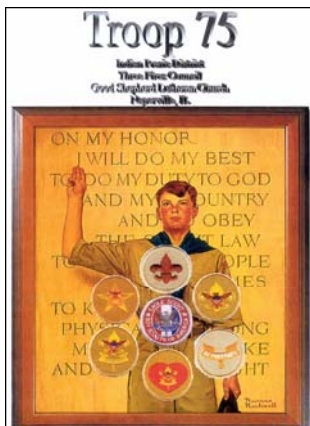


New Troop Handbooks *Rock!*



Have you checked out the new Troop handbooks yet? They contain everything (and more) that you need to know and have as a member of Troop 75. **Kathy and Phillip Lybrand** went way above and beyond the call of duty by including things like a list of merit badge counselors, reimbursement forms, medical forms and even pockets to hold your merit badges! Plus, the binders make it really easy to keep track of things, and you can add additional pages as needed. And in case you didn't know, a project like this takes a HUGE amount of time and effort (think of the typing, the copying, the collating!). Therefore, Troop 75 would like to extend our most special thanks to the Lybrands for taking the time to produce the best, most comprehensive Troop handbook we've ever had. We'll definitely put them to good use!

Help Wanted....Help Received!

Thanks to the following people for stepping into important roles within our Troop. Your time is very precious to not only your families, but to us as well.

Apparel: **Nada Sankari & Jan Prazak**

Assistant Scoutmaster: **Alan Rogers**

Newsletter Coordinator: **Bonnie Murman-Freer**

Pancake Breakfast: **Carolyn Seng & Melissa Mullins**

Refreshments: **Donna & Norm Wandke**

Website Coordinator: **Liz Patterson**

But wait! There's more to do! We still need:

Activities Coordinator (2 hours per month at home; help in securing permission to use camping sites, tour permits for all troop activities; report to the Troop Committee; develop and collect activity permission slips; and assist in the coordination of transportation to activities).

FOS Coordinator (5 hours in February. Distribute and collect annual Friends of Scouting Campaign cards; collect funds; and distribute promotional materials to Troop).

Service Project Coordinator (2 hours per month; work with PLC to coordinate monthly service project opportunities).



Historian's Corner

For the March campout a few boys went to Starved Rock State Park. While we were there, we hiked through the ice laden forests. We saw irresistible ice falls, with a foot of solid ice underneath us. We could walk right up to the ice fall. On top of Starved Rock we could see the bald eagles on Plum Island. It was truly amazing.

by Nathan Klimek



2008 Troop Calendar

April 12 Merit Badge Clinic (2nd session),
8am-Noon

April 14 PLC Meeting, 7pm

April 18-20 Loons Basic Training @
Blackwell Forest Preserve

April 21 Scoutmaster Meeting

May 5 Committee Meeting, 7pm

May 9-11 Canoe Trip @ Turkey Run State
Park

May 12 PLC Meeting, 7pm

May 19 Scoutmaster Meeting

June 2 Committee Meeting

June 13th-15th Mother/Son Campout @
White Pines State Park

July 6th-12th Summer Camp @ Camp
Decorah, WI

August 2-10 High Adventure

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.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 75;

At the meeting on March 18, the Troop held an Investiture ceremony where our new scouts officially joined the Troop and were awarded their first rank of "Scout". In addition, we held a meeting with parents and distributed the new Troop 75 Handbook. 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 you were not at the meeting please let us know so that we can get you our copy. The scouts do not need to bring the handbook to troop meetings.

On April 19 & 20, the Troop will camp at Blackwell Forrest Preserve. This will be the first campout for the new scouts and they will be trained on the basics of camping. Note, we will be camping in the youth group camp ground. The entrance is off Mack Road west of Winfield Road.

On May 9 – 11, the Troop will travel to Turkey Run State Park in Indiana. We will spend Saturday canoeing on Sugar Creek. One of the BSA requirements for canoeing is that you must pass the swim test. The test will be later this month. I will be holding practice sessions on Sunday afternoons for anyone that would like to get ready for the test. Anyone who is interested should let me know.

On June 13 – 15, the troop will hold our Mother & Son campout at White Pines State Park. This campout is for the Mom's to get to experience what camping with the Boy Scouts is all about.

Lastly, I am happy to announce that Alan Rogers has volunteered to become our newest Assistant Scoutmaster. He will be mentoring the Loons patrol along with Bernhard Adams.

Sincerely,

Vinton Trowbridge



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