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Annual Pancake Breakfast Kick-Off!

We will be kicking off our annual fundraiser on **Tuesday, Sept. 16** at our next Troop meeting. Please be sure that one adult from your family will be able to attend the adult portion of the meeting at 8pm. We will have Friends and Family tickets available to sell, group sales sign-up and driver sign-ups, also. This is our only mandatory fundraiser and we hope you will be able to attend the kick-off so that we may answer all of your questions and concerns. Thanks, and we'll see you next week!

— The 2008 Pancake Planners

Dunes Outing, Sept. 26-28

Don't miss this outing to Warren Dunes State Park Sept. 26-28. Scouts will have the opportunity to finish requirements from summer camp that are needed for their next rank advancement. In addition, activities will include hiking the beautiful trails, as well as the 400' Mt. Randall. Also, the scouts have the opportunity to participate in a Charter Sport fishing adventure on Lake Michigan where they are likely to catch Coho Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead, Walleye, Perch and Browns. Scouts can bring the fish home cleaned & on ice. There are just a limited number of spots open for the fishing adventure, so please see Scott Keeve as soon as possible if you are interested.

Merit Badge Opportunities

Interested in earning your Chemistry or Crime Prevention merit badges? Two upcoming opportunities are available at no cost:

Crime Prevention: Oct. 20, 6:30-9pm at the Naperville Police Dept. Contact Mary Browning for more details or to register (630) 420-6731.

Chemistry: Complete all requirements in a two session workshop with the 1st session at College of Dupage in Glen Ellyn on Oct. 18, and the 2nd session at Loyola University in Chicago on Oct. 25. Contact the Chicago Section American Chemical Society office for more details or to register (847) 647-8405.

Got a sweatshirt? If you don't have your Troop 75 sweatshirt yet, see Mrs. Meyers tonight (cause it's the deadline!)



Historian's Corner

This summer has been crazy with Troop 75 activity. To start off the summer we had the **Mother Son campout**. There we hiked with our mothers. Next we went to Camp Decorah for **summer camp**. At Decorah we had camp wide activities such as a luau where we went swimming. Also at the luau there were contests such as; the biggest splash, belly flop, and the cobbler making contest. Another activity was war bats. War bats was a game where you have to break the other team's water balloons with noodles. To finish off the week, at the closing fire bowl, our troop sang my ding-aling. For one week in early August the older boys went canoeing on the Flambeau River in Wisconsin for **High Adventure**. We canoed 58 miles in five days. For the last summer meeting we had a rock'in pool party. To finish off the summer we had a **Court of Honor** where as a troop we earned over 100 merit badges and 19 rank advancements. Thanks for a **great summer**.

by Nathan K.

Troop Historian



The High Adventure crew takes aim (with water pistols) before leaving.

2008-09 Troop Calendar

Sept. 9	Last day to order Troop 75 Sweatshirts (see Mrs. Meyers)	Jan. 9-10	Rush Copley Lock-in
Sept. 26-28	Dunes outing	Jan. 30-Feb.1	Klondike
Oct. 5	Open House at Von Oven	Feb. 3	Court of Honor
Oct. 6	Committee Meeting	Feb. 7-8	Ski Trip & Wisconsin Dells Water Park
Oct. 17-19	Backpacking outing	Mar. 20-22	Caving outing
Nov. 3	Committee Meeting	Apr. 24-26	Loons Basic Training
Nov. 15	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	May 29-31	Canoeing outing
Nov. 21-23	Silo Climbing outing	June 2	Court of Honor
Dec. 1	Committee Meeting	June 12-14	Mother/Son Campout
Dec. 12-14	Cabin camping outing	July 12-18	Summer Camp @ Decorah

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:

I can't believe that summer is over already and school is back in session. But considering all of the troop activities that took place this summer it is understandable that it seemed to fly by.

On June 13 – 15 the troop held the Mother-Son campout at White Pines State Park. It was a fun weekend with mostly nice weather, excluding the Sunday morning wakeup thunderstorm.

On the following weekend the troop pitched in to help Kyle Meyers with his Eagle project at St. John United Church of Christ in Aurora. There was plenty for everyone to do with lots of landscaping and patio building.

On July 6 – 12 the troop attended summer camp at Camp Decorah near La Crosse, Wisconsin. About 30 scouts attended camp. We had a fun and productive week with the boys earning over 100 merit badges at camp.

On August 2 – 9, seven scouts and four scoutmasters spent five days canoeing on the Flambeau River in Wisconsin. The group paddled sixty miles in five days. Everyone had a good time shooting the rapids, catching fish and swimming in the river.

In September, the troop will hold our fall elections. All scouts should think about running for a leadership position. It is a great experience learning how to run the troop and is also a requirement for advancement at the higher ranks.

The PLC has decided which outings they want to do this year and the Committee has picked the dates. The dates are listed above on the Troop calendar.

I have truly enjoyed my first year as Scoutmaster and I am looking forward to a new year of fun with the troop. I want to thank all of the Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members and everyone else who has helped to make last year a very successful one.

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