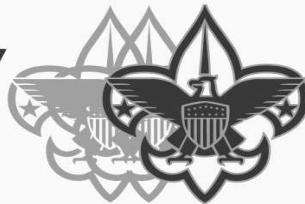


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TONIGHT'S IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Troop 75's **Christmas Celebration** will take place at next week's meeting, on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Please bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to share.

The **last opportunities for your Board of Review** before February's Court of Honor are on Tuesday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Jan. 20th.

Troop Trailers looking for a good home. We can no longer keep our 2 Troop trailers at Waubonsie High School, so if you have any leads or suggestions for where we can store them, please let Mr. Trowbridge know. The trailers are 13' and 20' long.

Troop Sweatshirts: We have 4 large and 4 extra-large sweatshirts available for immediate purchase/delivery. What a great idea for a Christmas present! Contact Kathy Meyers if interested. The cost is \$25 each.

Scout Accounts: Scout account balances have been updated to include wreath & pancake sales. Watch for an email with your updated balance prior to year-end. These accounts can be used for outings, summer camp, high adventure or scout-related purchases (with receipt and approval of the Scoutmaster. Contact Tom or Kathy Meyers with any questions.



Fantastic Fundraising!

Congratulations, Troop 75 Scouts! You did a **GREAT** job of fundraising this fall. Total pancake breakfast sales were \$7,585.51. After expenses and scout accounts, the amount going to the Troop is \$5,483.33. That was the **MOST SUCCESSFUL** pancake breakfast that we ever had. We served over 530 people — not including scouts and their families! A **BIG THANK YOU** to every one of you who participated in this important Troop fundraiser. But that's not all...10 scouts took part in the optional wreath sales fundraiser, selling \$1,943 in wreaths. Way to go! After scout accounts, the Troop netted and additional \$229.31.

Help Wanted

Attention, scout families: we are in need of your assistance. The following positions in the Troop are in need of coordinators. These positions will become available in early 2009. The current coordinators are available to answer your questions about what each position entails. If you are not currently volunteering with the Troop, please consider doing so. It is only with your assistance that Troop 75 can continue to provide a positive scouting experience for all of our boys. Contact Joan Hurst for more specific information (630-898-7257 or swamppeople@sbcglobal.net).

- **Committee Member:** support leaders in carrying out the scouting program by serving on Boards of Review; overseeing and assisting in the development of the Troop's funds and resources.
- **Re-charter Coordinator:** responsible for providing recharter information to the council and committee; keeps track of all current adult and scout members of the Troop.
- **Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator:** responsible for the recruitment and status of Troop merit badge counselors for committee and council.
- **FOS Troop Representative:** responsible for the promotion of the annual Friends of Scouting campaign for the Troop. Reports status and funds to the council.



Historian's Corner

Some of the guys from the Troop went on a campout to Comlara County Park last month. There was also silo climbing. Silos are large structures that usually are filled with corn on a farm. These silos were emptied out and outfitted with rocks so they could be used for rock climbing. Some of the guys even earned the Climbing merit badge. The guys were climbing for about 6 hours. They had an awesome time climbing silos. We also had a Thanksgiving Dinner which was great.

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Troop Historian

2008-09 Troop Calendar

Dec. 12-14 Cabin camping outing
Dec. 16 Christmas Celebration Mtg.
Jan. 9-10 Rush Copley Lock-in
Jan. 20 Board of Review
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Klondike
Feb. 3 Court of Honor
Feb. 7-8 Ski Trip & Wisconsin Dells
 Water Park

Feb. 28 Merit Badge University, York HS
Mar. 20-22 Caving outing
Apr. 24-26 Loons Basic Training
May 29-31 Canoeing outing
June 2 Court of Honor
June 12-14 Mother/Son Campout

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:

On November 15th the troop held our 4th annual pancake breakfast. We set a new record for attendance with over 530 customers served. We were able to meet our fund raising goals and have a good time while doing it. All of our scouts did a terrific job. I received many compliments about the good food and service. Thanks to our local Starbucks, McDonalds, Costco and Good Shepherd for helping to sponsor the breakfast. Thanks to everyone that was able to help on Friday night and Saturday. Lastly, I want to thank and congratulate **Mrs. Hurst, Kyle M., Andrea Camp, Josilyn Klimek, and Tom and Kathy Meyers** for serving on the Pancake Breakfast committee. Their planning and hard work really paid off.

On November 21 – 23, the troop traveled to Bloomington to go rock climbing at the Upper Limits Rock Gym. Everyone got a chance to test their cold weather camping gear since the temperature was below freezing the entire weekend with lows in the teens at night. One of our former troop scoutmasters Rob Fisher and his son Dan (2004 Eagle) joined us for the weekend. Eight scouts earned the rock climbing merit badge and everyone had a good trying out their climbing skills. I would like to thank **Mr. Hurst** for running a great trip.

On December 12 – 14, the troop will be cabin camping at Shabbona State Park. We will be working on advancements that the boys need for the January court of honor. Indoors we will be playing lots of board games. Outdoors we will do some hiking, sledding and playing in the snow. If you have any questions about this trip please contact **Mr. Adams**.

On January 9, the troop will doing a lock-in at Rush Copley's Health Club. There will be basketball, dodge ball, rock climbing and swimming. If you have any questions please contact **Mr. Rogers**.

We have already had several groups of 2nd year Webelos visit our troop. If you know of anyone who would be interested in visiting our troop please have them contact me. Visitors are always welcome at our troop meetings. However, we may want to suggest visits on particular nights depending on the planned troop activities.

Lastly, I want to remind all of the scouts that our next court of honor will be at the end of January. If anyone needs a Scoutmaster Conference or board of review please sign up. We can do a Scoutmaster Conference at any troop meeting or campout. Boards of Review are held at the third troop meeting of every month.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,

Vinton Trowbridge
 Scoutmaster, Troop 75