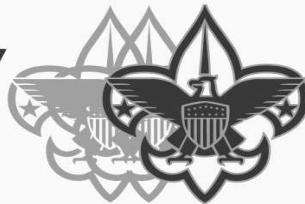


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Think Summer!

A message from Scott Keeve

There will be a Summer Camp **parent meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17** during our regularly scheduled scout meeting. This meeting is for the parents of scouts that are planning on attending summer camp on July 5-11.

A presentation on **Camp Decorah** in Holmen, WI will be given, with detailed information regarding preparation and planning for your scout's week of summer fun and adventure. Topics to be discussed include costs, medical exam requirements, healthcare/prescription medication issues, merit badge registration, 1st year Scout programs, food/dietary restrictions, extracurricular activities, as well as parent involvement.

For those scouts that 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. 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 would like to get a commitment as soon as possible from each scout that will be attending summer camp, along with a deposit of \$100. We will be able to begin registering our scouts for activities and merit badges as of March 2. 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. It is important that your son think about what badges he would like to register for, so we can sign him up as soon as **registration begins on March 2.**

For more information prior to our meeting on Feb. 17, go to the Camp Decorah website:

<http://www.campdecorah.org/home.asp> for a slide show of the camp. Access the Gateway Council website for detailed information and forms: <http://www.gatewayarea.council.org/council.htm> (click on Camps, the Camp Decorah, then Leader's Guide). If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at scottckeeve@sbcglobal.net.

See you on February 17!

BSA Troop 75 Recharter

It's that time again....2009 Recharter for Troop 75! Registration began in January and will end March 3, 2009. The annual recharter fee is \$75. However, due to the SPECTACULAR job the scouts did this year in fundraising (Pancake Breakfast), the Troop is subsidizing \$50 for scouts who participated in fundraising this year. So, the following are the 2009 recharter fees:

- \$ 25** if your scout completed the required 4 selling sessions for Troop 75's Pancake Breakfast.
- \$150** if your scout did not complete 4 selling sessions for Troop 75's Pancake Breakfast.
- \$ 75** for scouts joining the Troop.

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

Checks for the recharter fee can be brought to Kathy Meyers at the weekly meeting or mailed to: Kathy Meyers, 1548 Hampton Court, Naperville, IL 60565. **All recharter fees must be received no later than March 3, 2009.**

Please make checks payable to Troop 75 and note your son (s) name on the check.

Scout Sunday at Good Shepard Church will be on March 8, 2009. The scouts are encouraged to attend the 9:30am service and wear their Class A uniforms. Let's have a strong turnout!

Still Time to Sign up for Merit Badge University

Don't miss the upcoming Merit Badge University on Saturday, February 28th at York H.S. in Elmhurst. This is a great opportunity to earn almost any Merit Badge....especially Eagle Merit Badges! Cost is \$27 per Scout and you must register by Feb. 15 (this weekend!). Lunch and MBU patch are included in cost. First Class uniforms are to be worn and Scouts should be prepared for their classes (print out the prerequisites that need to be completed by Feb. 28). Register on line at www.potawatomidistrict.com, then click on the MBU badge on the left side. Any questions, contact Lisa Fortsch at (630) 978-2824 or lfortsch@sbcglobal.net.

2008-09 Troop Calendar

Feb. 17 Loons split/Election speeches
Feb. 24 Troop Elections
Feb. 28 Merit Badge University, York HS
Mar. 8 Scout Sunday, Good Shepard,
9:30am
Mar. 20-22 Caving outing
Apr. 24-26 Loons Basic Training, Cantigny

May 29-31 Canoeing outing
June 2 Court of Honor
June 12-14 Mother/Son Campout
July 5-11 Summer Camp (Camp
Decorah)
Aug. 23 Court of Honor
Nov. 7 Pancake Breakfast

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 February 7 – 8 the troop traveled to Cascade Mountain for a day of skiing and to the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells for a night of fun at their three indoor water parks. We enjoyed a beautiful day of spring skiing conditions on the slopes and managed to expend the remainder of our energy at the water parks. I want to thank all of the parents who came along and helped to supervise all of the activities.

*March 8 will be **Scout Sunday** at Good Lutheran Church. Our troop will be attending the 9:30 service. I hope that many of our scouts will be able to attend on this special day.*

*On March 21 -22 the troop will be traveling to **Eagle Cave** in Wisconsin. We will leave early Saturday morning and spend the day exploring the cave and will spend the night in the cave. There are still a few spots available if anyone is interested in joining us. If you have any questions about this trip please contact Mr. Seaton.*

On January 23 we welcomed two more new scouts, who crossed over from Pack 988. That brings us to a total of six new scouts so far this year. 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.

*March is the time of year when we have to **re-charter** all of our scouts. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information and let me know if you have any questions.*

*Lastly, I want to remind all of the scouts to start thinking about **summer camp**. We will be returning to Camp Decorah this summer. The camp is lots of fun and gives you an opportunity to earn many of your advancement requirements in one week. The dates for our week of camp are July 5 through July 11.*

Yours in Scouting,

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**Troop Elections Coming
Up on Feb. 24th.
Candidate Speeches
will be given on Feb.
17th!**