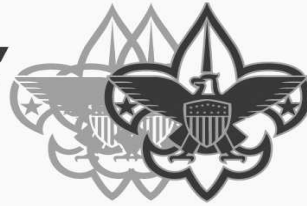


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And the winners are...

Troop elections were held and the results are as follows:

- SPL: **Kyle F.**
 ASPL: **Max H. and Coleman C.**
 Patrol Leaders: **Chris M., Hawks**
 Mark K., Leprechauns
 Kevin W., Mohicans
 Scribe: **Mark K.**
 Librarian: **Vimig S.**
 Quartermaster: **Michael M.**
 Bugler: **Nathan K.**
 Historian: **Alex B.**
 Guides: **Kyle R. and Andrew B.**
 Instructor: **Sean K.**
 Chaplain Aide: **Jake B.**

Thank you for supporting Friends of Scouting again this year. Our Troop raised \$2,295. Thanks so much, everyone!



A Great Way to Say Thank you

You know all those **selfless, hardworking volunteers** that keep Troop 75 strong, fun, safe, growing, and successful? Well, now's the time to recognize one of those super-volunteers by nominating them for the **Silver Acorn Award**. This award is given each year to a person who has assured the Troop's success through their tireless efforts and commitment. The candidate does not have to be a registered leader. The winner of the Silver Acorn Award will be honored at the Indian Prairie Recognition Dinner in May. Nomination forms are available at www.indianprairie.org and are **due by April 10**.

Spring Merit Badge Clinic

If you're a Second Class scout or higher, you have the opportunity to earn merit badges over two upcoming Saturdays (you need to attend both) at Woodridge LDS Church. On Saturday, **April 11 (8:30am-10:10am)** and Saturday, **April 25 (10:10am-Noon)** you can select from the following merit badges to work on:

Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Electricity (1st class or higher or at least 12 years old), **Fire Safety, Law** (1st class or higher or at least 12 years old), and **Public Speaking**. A few have prerequisites that need to be completed beforehand. If you are a Loon attending Basic Training April 24-26, you will only miss the first half of the Merit Badge day. Sign up at tonight's troop meeting or email Lisa Fortsch for more information (lfortsch@sbcglobal.net).

IMPORTANT: A lot of parent help is desperately needed to run this merit badge clinic. Please consider volunteering to be a Merit Badge Counselor, Hall Monitor, or Registration Aide. Please let Lisa Fortsch know if you can help (email address above).



Pull on Your Boots and Get Hiking!

Put the **OUTING** back into **SCOUTING** with the **NEW JUNIOR HIKING PROGRAM**. It's available to anyone willing to take that first step.... and then another.....and then another. There is a patch when you start the program and then add rockers for 5, 10, 20, 30 and 40 miles. Use this as the stepping stone to the **Three Fires Council 50 Miler Award**. No paperwork required! Patches are available at our Council Scout Shops.

New Health Forms

Attention all families: the Council has updated the Health Forms that are required for summer camp. These new forms are available through www.threefirescouncil.org. Please make sure that you are using the updated forms as you schedule your and/or your son's physicals.

2008-09 Troop Calendar

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 20 we welcomed two more new scouts, who crossed over from Pack 565. That brings us to a total of eight new scouts 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.

On February 28th about a dozen of our scouts attended the Merit Badge University ran by the Potawatomi District.

March 3rd was the deadline for rechartering with the troop. If you have not already turned in your check please help us to complete this effort as soon as possible.

March 8th the troop celebrated Scout Sunday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We had a nice turn out with about half of the troop in attendance. I want to thank all of the parents for getting their sons to church, even with one hour less sleep due to the time change.

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 April 11 and 25th, our scouts will have another opportunity to earn merit badges at the merit badge clinic being run by the Indian Prairie district. I want to thank Lisa Fortsch for helping to organize our troop's participation in both of the merit badge events.

On April 24-26 we will be camping at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. This will be the first campout for our new scouts and they will receive training in the basics of camping. This outing is being organized by Mr. Klimek.

Lastly, I want to remind all of the scouts that we are taking sign ups and deposits for summer camp. We will be returning to Camp Decorah, near La Crosse Wisconsin, 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 at camp are July 5 through July 11.

Yours in Scouting,

Vinton Trowbridge
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