



### Swim Test May 22nd

The Troop will be holding its annual BSA swim test on Friday night, May 22 at the Fry YMCA on 95th Street. Scouts will take the test with their patrols so that we do not make everyone wait too long. The following will be the order that the patrols will take their tests:

**6:30-Loons; 7:00-Hawks; 7:30-Leprechauns; 8:00-Mohicans.**

If you are not able to make this date or would like to have a practice session to get ready for the test, please let me know so that we can make arrangements.

**Important note:** Parents that will be going on the May canoe trip will also need to take the swim test. Also, if you are not a member of the YMCA there is a \$5 visitor charge and you will need to fill out a waiver for your son.

### *Note to Parents:*

If you are thinking about attending summer camp (July 5-11) with your son, now is the time to firm up your plans. Camp Decorah has asked that we submit to them a roster of adults attending camp by May 31st so that they will be able to order food and plan accordingly. The cost for the week is \$75 for adults who will be staying the whole week. If you are only going to stay for a day or so, the cost would be prorated at \$15 per day. Meal tickets can be purchased at the trading post for a one day visit. Please remember that if you will be staying for the entire week, it is necessary to submit parts A, B, & C of the Boy Scout physical, signed by a physician on the new forms\*. If you are only staying for 1 day, then a physical is not required. Contact Scott Keeve if you have any questions.

\* new physical forms at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34412.pdf>



### Troop Historian Report, by Alex B.

On April 24-26 we went camping. The older scouts taught the Loons good fitness, axe safety, how to build a fire, and tent building. After all the stations, some people went to climb on the tanks. Then it started to rain. The temperature dropped and a thunderstorm

started. After dinner people started going home because of the weather. Most people came back in the morning to cleanup all the tents and the PDF.

### Merit Badge Counseling is Fun!!!!

Curious about being Merit Badge Counselor but need more information? Check out the following website: <http://scouting.org/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx>. This great website includes information that may help someone decide if they want to be a Merit Badge Counselor, as well as information to help someone understand what they need to do once they register as a counselor. Please contact Eugene Keitzer for more information at [ekeitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:ekeitzer@yahoo.com).

### Troop Calendar

#### May

- 19 Regular meeting
- 26 Regular meeting
- 29-31 Canoeing outing

#### June

- 2 Court of Honor
- 9 Regular meeting
- 12-14 Mother/Son Campout
- 23 Summer meeting

#### July

- 5-11 Summer Camp
- 21 Summer meeting

#### August

- 1-8 High Adventure
- 18 Summer meeting
- 23 Court of Honor

#### September

- 1 Regular meetings resume

#### November

- 7 Pancake Breakfast

**Note: Class B uniforms permitted for all summer meetings beginning June 23rd (except Court of Honor). Class B t-shirts and shorts are acceptable.**

### Saturday, June 6

**is Steve W.'s Eagle Project at St. John's United Church of Christ in Aurora. He NEEDS A LOT OF HELP on that day so please support him and earn service project hours.**

## HELP WANTED!!!

The following volunteer positions are open within the Troop. If you are interested in any of the above positions or would like to learn a little more about them, please contact Joan Hurst at (630) 898-7257 or [swamppeople@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swamppeople@sbcglobal.net).

- \* Board of Review Coordinator
- \* Newsletter Coordinator
- \* Committee Members
- \* Merit Badge Counselors
- \* Friends of Scouting Coordinator
- \* Membership Coordinator
- \* Pancake Breakfast Committee Members



### Scoutmaster's Corner

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Dear Troop 75:

On April 24-26 we had our Loons Basic Training campout at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The forecast predicted nice weather for the weekend, but Mother Nature had other ideas. In spite of the weather the new scouts were able to complete all of their basic camping skills. The older scouts did an excellent job running all of the stations. I want to thank Mr. Klimek for organizing this campout.

On May 2-3, we attended the Webelos overnight the TFC Adventure Camp. I would like to thank Keith M., Jake B., Kyle R. and Christian L. for running the Readyman station for the Webelos. I would like to congratulate Keith M., Kyle F., Jake B., Vimig S. and Kevin W. for their election to the Order of the Arrow. In addition, Mr Klimek was also elected to the O.A.

On May 22, the troop will be holding our annual BSA swim test at the Fry YMCA on 95<sup>th</sup> street. If you cannot make this date or would like to have some practice sessions to prepare for the test please let me know so that we can make arrangements. This test is required for all scouts and parents who will be going on the Canoe trip.

On May 29-31 we will be going on a two day canoe trip on the Wisconsin River. We will start out Saturday morning and spend the night camping on a sandbar on the river. This should be a fun trip and a good opportunity for our scouts to experience an overnight canoe trip. If anyone has any questions please contact Kyle M. or myself.

On June 6 - 7 Steve W. will be doing his eagle project. Please try to come out and help. This will be a good opportunity for scouts to earn service project hours while doing a good service for our local community.

On June 12 - 14, the troop will hold our Mother & Son campout at White Pines State Park. This campout is a great opportunity for the Mom's to experience what camping with the Boy Scouts is all about.

On July 5 - 11, the troop will be attending summer camp at Camp Decorah near La Crosse, Wisconsin. Remember to get those new medical forms filled out and turned in. If anyone has any questions please contact Scott Keeve.

Yours in Scouting,  
**Vinton Trowbridge, Scoutmaster**  
Troop 75  
(630) 650-1616

Congratulations! Troop 75 would like to congratulate all our Loons for achieving the rank of Scout, the first step on the path to Eagle. We would also like to welcome their families and thank them for joining us at the New Scout Investiture.

Special thanks to Kevin W. for a wonderful Investiture ceremony and to Karen Bigott for refreshments on May 5th.

For more information on Scouting, please visit these helpful websites:  
Troop 75: [www.napervilletroop75.org](http://www.napervilletroop75.org)  
Indian Prairie District: [www.indianprairie.org](http://www.indianprairie.org)  
Three Fires Council: [www.threefirescouncil.org](http://www.threefirescouncil.org)