

The Bugle



Issue 17

Jan 1, 2009

February Outing

Theme: " Winter Camping & Outdoor Cooking"

Date: February 13-15

Venue: Camp Snyder

Cost: \$35.00

Check-in: Friday, Feb 13
@4:30pm

Return : Sun, Feb 15 @ 1:30pm

Parents: Be at the Church @ 1:30pm for pickup

***Drivers needed. Need adults to attend for the weekend.**



\$ Annual Troop Dues

Annual Troop registration dues need to be turned in and are \$100 per year. Please recall that T-1257 Eagle Scouts pay no annual dues, no adult registration fees are collected, families with more than one registered Scout pay a reduced rate (half) for all Scouts after the first one, and that the Troop has a robust scholarship/campership policy. Turn in dues to Angela Sparks. Please see Brett Gurley or John Ticer regarding scholarships



January-February Troop Meeting Schedule and Important Dates to Remember

Jan 1: Deadline for paying annual Troop dues

Jan 6: Troop Meeting
Jan 13: Troop Meeting
Jan 20: No Meeting (FCPS closed)
Jan 27: No Meeting (FCPS closed)
Feb 1: Scout Sunday
Feb 3: Winter COH
Feb 10: Troop Meeting
Feb 13-15: Troop Outing-Camp Snyder
Feb 17: PLC/ASM Corp Meeting (6:45pm & 8pm)
Feb 23: Parents/Committee Meeting (7-8pm)

Feb 24: Shrove Tuesday-Community Service Project (Pancake Supper)

Mar 3: Troop Meeting

Mar 7: Merit Badge Fair at the Church (1-5pm)

Advancements

The following Scouts were awarded Rank Advancement during the month of December.

Tenderfoot:

Andrew
Noah
Ryan E



Winter Court of Honor

Troop 1257's next Court of Honor is February 3rd at 7:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. This is a very important time for the family of every Scout to attend to show your support of the efforts of your Scout. Mothers, please wear your mother's ribbon so that everyone can see our Scout's progress, and your pride in him! Scouts are encouraged to complete the requirements for their next Rank and any merit badges in progress. Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Review need to be completed by Jan 13th. The next Court of Honor will be held on June 2nd.



OA Elections in March

Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members. To become a member, a Scout must hold First Class rank. The Scout must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.



Troop 1257 OA elections are tentatively scheduled for early March 2009.



Troop 1257 Merit Badge

Fair-March 7th Troop 1257 will host its 1st annual Merit Badge Fair in an effort to help all the boys in the Troop with merit opportunities (Eagle and non-Eagle merit badges). For many this is the one time a year a Scout can work on and complete 1-2 merit badges that they would not be able to complete otherwise. The merit badges offered are from the top ten merit badge selection that Scouts made in early December. The event will be held at the Church on March 7th (1-5pm). Registrations will take place via e-mail through the Merit Badge Chair (Mrs. Leann Kniller; lkniller@comcast.net). Scouts will need to work on any prerequisites set by the

counselors prior to the Merit Badge Fair. Music and Arts can be taken on the same day (~ 2 hours/badge). All the other merit badges will take 3-4 hours to complete. Cooking will require attendance and participation on the February outing. This will be a great opportunity to “knock-out” a merit badge or two!

Merit Badge

Counselor

Merit Badge	Counselor	Scouts
Cit in the World (1-5pm)	Julie Ward	5-7 scouts
Cooking (1-5pm)	Jim Webb	6-8 scouts
Electronics (1-5pm)	Matt Kniller	5 scouts
First Aid (1-5pm)	Tom Davis	5-7 scouts
*Music (1-3pm)	Leann Kniller	5-7 scouts
*Art (3-5pm)	Leann Kniller	5-7scouts

Many Helping Hands are Needed!

It has been our policy for at least one parent per family to serve the Troop in some way. We have many varied positions that a parent can fill, some of which take more time than others. Committee Members, Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, campout volunteers, campout drivers, adult grubmasters, etc. are all needed roles that



can be filled by parents. It is our desire that you serve in an area of giftedness and passion, in order to make your service more meaningful and more rewarding. Please contact the Troop Committee Chairman (John Ticer) to discuss how you can volunteer and best serve the Troop.

See you at the next Parent's/Committee meeting on February 23rd.

Mr. Davis-Scoutmaster

Youth Leader Job Descriptions

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) - top junior leader in the troop, elected by Troop members. He leads the patrol leaders' council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities. Presides over Troop meetings. Serves as the Troop youth leader on Troop outings.



Assistance Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) - fills in for the senior patrol leaders in his absence. He is responsible for training and giving guidance to the quartermaster, scribe, troop historian, librarian, and instructors.



Scoutmaster' Corner

Once upon a time, there was a young boy who said to his family, “I want to do great things in my life and I know I can”. Many years later, an old man said to his family, “I could have done great things with my life. I wish I had”.

This is a sad story because the young boy and the old man were the same person. Don't let this be your story!

Remember: “It's never too late to do something great. Scout Slogan-*Do a good turn daily*”.

YiS,

Mr. Davis-Scoutmaster



Bugle Contributions

Contact Paul D, our Troop SPL-Historian, with any newsletter contributions at: tdavis22@cox.net

