

The Bugle



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March Outing

Theme: "Riflery"

A great opportunity to work on and/or complete the Rifle Shooting merit badge

Date: March 21-22

Venue: BSA Camp Horseshoe, Rising Sun, MD.

Cost: \$35.00

Deadline for registration: Mar 6th

Check-in: Saturday Mar 21 @6:30am

Return : Sun, Mar 22 @ 2:00pm

Parents: Be at the Church @ 2:00pm for pickup

***Drivers needed. Adults/Drivers need to attend for the weekend.**



April Outing

Theme:
"Whitewater Rafting"



Further details in early March (outing will be either the weekend of the 17th or 24th)



March-April Schedule and Important Dates to Remember

Mar 3: Troop Meeting-OA Elections
Mar 7: Merit Badge Fair at the Church (1-5pm)
Mar 10: Troop Meeting
Mar 17: Troop Meeting (SPL & PL elections)
Mar 17: Summer Camp deposits due
Mar 21-22: Riflery Outing-Camp Horseshoe
Mar 25: PLC/ASM Corp Meeting
Mar 28: Cole Spark's Eagle Project
Mar 30: Parents/Committee Meeting (7-8pm)
Mar: 31: Troop Meeting-Welcome to Bridging Webelos II Scouts

Apr 7: No Troop meeting (FCPS-Spring Break)
Apr 14: Troop meeting
Apr 17-20th: Whitewater rafting outing or Troop Earth Day Project on the 18th
Apr 21: PLC/ASM Corp meeting
Apr 24-26th: Whitewater rafting or Troop Earth Day Project on the 25th
Apr 27: Committee/Parents Meeting
Apr 28: Troop Meeting

OA Elections: on March 3rd



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.

The following 12 scouts are eligible for OA election:

Chris G	Eric S	Austin M
Ryan G	Spencer W	JJ M
Jimmy W	Matt R	William F
Justin P	Jakob K	Zack T

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). 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). Point of Contact is Mrs. Leann Kniller; lkniller@comcast.net. **Registration is CLOSED.** 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

Cit in the World (1-5pm)	Julie Ward
Cooking (1-5pm)	Jim Webb
Electronics (1-5pm)	Matt Kniller
First Aid (1-5pm)	Tom Davis
*Music (1-3pm)	Leann Kniller
*Art (3-5pm)	Leann Kniller

Many Helping Hands Still Needed!

We are in need of parents to fill the following Committee roles: Fundraising Chair, Medical Records Custodian (replacement for Angela Sparks), Board of Review Committee Members, and Eagle Scout Advisors-Mentors. It has been our policy for at least one parent per family to serve the Troop in some way. 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.

YiS,

Mr. Davis-Scoutmaster



2000 Summer Camp Information

- Registrations are due
- \$35.00 per Scout/adult deposit due March 17th
- Balance due May 15th: \$260/scout or \$110/adult
- POC for June 28-July 5th Camp is Mrs. Monahan
Camp Scoutmaster-Mr. Davis
- POCs for August 9-16th Camp: Mrs. Ross/Mr. Paes
Camp Scoutmaster-Mr. Graham

Cole's Eagle Community Service Project. Scheduled for March 28th (9am-5pm) at Cub Run RECenter

Speak to Cole to hear how you can

“**Help Save the Frogs**”. Service hours can be earned!



Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader Nominations on March 10th and Elections on March 17th



Venture Patrol News!

Do you have a craving for an enjoyable and more robust Scouting experience which will be scout-run and scout led? Then

check out Troop 1257's new Venture Patrol! The Venture Patrol was created for older and more experienced scouts that are at least 12 years old or older, have completed 15 full nights of camping or more, are at least 1st Class or higher, and want to do more exciting and challenging activities across a diverse number of scouting disciplines. However, in order to be a part of the Venture Patrol, you must meet all of the above requirements, in addition to currently holding and being active in a Troop Leadership Position. Our first meeting was on Sunday, March 1, 2009, and we are still looking for Scouts who want in on the experience. Keep in mind, although we are able to do more high adventure activities, high adventure is not our primary focus nor is this set up to be a “hiking, backpacking or camping club”...what IS our primary focus is to have a good time planning and partaking in some new, challenging and rewarding activities that interest the group. If interested or you want more information about the Venture Patrol, check us out and please contact Mr. Kniller. Don't miss out!!!!

YiS,

Paul-Troop 1257 SPL

Scoutmaster' Corner

So you have a partially completed merit badge, it is your responsibility to take a look at the remaining requirements, and call, e-mail, write or otherwise get in touch with the counselor to arrange to meet and get requirements signed off. If you want that badge, **CALL** your counselor TODAY! Need a merit badge counselor speak to Mrs. Kniller-the Troop's Merit Badge Chair.

YiS,

Mr. Davis

Scoutmaster

Bugle Contributions

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

