

TwoOhEight Times

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Scout Master Central Mr.Momeyer

Time sure does fly when you're having fun, and it seems like only yesterday when I was writing my article for the October Newsletter. I have to hand it to the Troop for a very fun and successful Camp-o-ree at Camp

We also took third place for our patrol flag (Tomahawks), and second place for the Scout cooking contest entry.

October was also a busy time recruiting Webelos, with two Webelos

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Rotary. With 25 Troops in attendance, we were one of only three Troops to win the new Participant Award. This award is for Troops that attended the Camp-o-ree pre-meeting, (thank you Mr. Lott), attended both Scoutmaster/SPL meetings, completed at least 15 of 21 activity stations, and entered all four individual events.

Transition days, the Camp-o-ree, and visits from Webelos Dens to the Troop. I appreciate all Scouts and Scouters that have worked hard to recruit the Webelos. I know I can count on our Scouts to make a good impression and show these future Boy Scouts that Troop 208 is a quality unit!!

Upcoming Events



Nov 5 & 12
Scouting for Food

Nov 4-6 Hungryman
Camp out - Riverbends

Alligator Patrol will be coordinating November Troop Meetings
7 pm at Crissman
Nov 2, 9, 16 & 30.
Note: there is no meeting on Nov 23 due to Thanksgiving holiday

Nov-Dec
Toys for Tots collection

Bowling at Sunnybrook
December 4 at 11:45 am
\$3 game & \$2 shoes
RSVP by Nov 27 to
Alex Gauronskas at
jgauronskas@wowway.com

The theme for most of November's activities is **FOOD**. We'll be doing a cooking contest at the Troop meeting, Scouting for Food on 11/5, and The Hungryman Campout on 11/4-11/6. This campout is a great chance for service hours that can be applied toward rank advancement, good food, and exciting competition between patrols. Which patrol can get the most Scouts at the Campout?

Finally, a brief word on volunteering: We've been able to accomplish a lot so far this year, and had fun along the way, but in order to keep this up, we need both adult and Scout volunteers to sponsor each activity. If you haven't signed up to sponsor something, please see Mrs. Gauronskas and let her know where you can help out. I'm sure we have an activity that you can find interesting and

geared toward your strengths. And while we're talking about volunteering, let's not forget our two Life Scouts with Eagle projects – Mark Jeakle and Tyler Gould. When the call goes out to help with their projects, let's all try to volunteer some time to help make their projects a success.

Monthly Corner Question:

What animal does Mr. Kulka despise??? (Hint: Think Camping)

Look for the answer on the board at next week's meeting!

Jake's Corner

Jake Bottoms, SPL

October was a fun month. We had a good time at the Camporee. We took awards for youth cooking, patrol flag and won the participation award. We also had two Webelos Transition Day events. It was wet and windy on the first one, but it was nice teaching the Webelos how to build fires.

We had another Webelo Transition Day at River Bends Park on Saturday. We met many Webelos. They seemed to enjoy making fires and seeing our patrol box and trailer. Thanks to all who helped out with all these events.

Fun was also had by all at Cedar Point!!

There are a lot of activities planned for November.

The famous Hungry Man Campout is the first weekend. Come ready to cook and eat and to help with Scouting for Food. The following weekend, we will be picking up the bags. This is a great way to get service hours and help out other people. Remember to sign up for both of these events. Hope to see a lot of you at these activities.

Summer Camp 2012

Lisa Dunn/Terry Maley

July 7th – July 14th

Heritage Reservation - Farmington, Pennsylvania

All scouts will stay at Camp Freedom. There are two options for camp.

Base camp – all age scouts, dining hall meals, cope, merit badges (include water sports and climbing). Daily camp wide activities for the acorn award include, polar bear swim/mile, iron man, orienteering.

Cost - \$345/ scouts and \$160 adults

Paymt. schedule – **adults**
\$25 deposit/\$60 due Nov. 16th/\$75 due Feb 15th.

Scouts \$25 deposit/\$120 due Nov. 16th/\$200 due Feb. 15th

Daily Trek Camp – available to scouts who are 13 years old at start of camp. Choice of 3 daily treks, which may include, caving and rappelling, fly fishing, kayaking, hiking, pedal & paddle, rock climbing, white water

rafting, and mountain biking.

Cost - \$345 both scouts and adults.

Paymt. schedule - \$25 deposit/\$120 due Nov. 16th/\$200 due Feb.15th

*Treks will be available to adults if there are spots available. This will be determined during camp. Refunds for adults will be based on how many treks you participated in.

Outpost Adventure – An outpost adventure will be available to our entire troop one night, set up by the camp sponsors. We will travel to a remote area in camp by hiking, biking or canoeing, spend the night and return the following morning.

Please call us or check out the website:
Heritagereservation.org

From the Office of the Treasurer

Bob Law

Scout dues for the 2011-2012 year are now officially late! Scouts that have not paid dues will not be allowed to participate in Troop outings/campouts or receive merit badges and rank advancements until dues are paid- so please come and see me at the next Troop meeting.

Scout Dues are \$75 payable to Mr. Law via either check to "Troop 208" or scout account voucher.

Dues for adults in Troop or Committee positions will be \$16 This is payable by check to "Troop 208" and will be collected by Mr. Law or Mr. Gould. Remember: Youth Protection Training must be up to date to be a registered adult!

“Q. Why did the Pilgrims eat turkey at Thanksgiving?

A. Because they couldn't fit the moose in the oven.”



Troop 208 will again be supporting Staff Sergeant Elton Bridgeforth of the United States Marine Corps in the annual drive to collect and distribute Toys to SE Michigan children that otherwise might not receive a holiday gift. Mr. Law is the adult sponsor for this activity and you can turn in donations at every troop meeting / event. More information to come on when the Marines will visit our troop to collect the toys and say "Thank-you!", but please consider picking up a small game or gift the next time you're out shopping!

“WE MUST CHANGE BOYS FROM A ‘WHAT CAN I GET’ TO A ‘WHAT CAN I GIVE’ ATTITUDE.” - Robert Baden-Powell

Scouting for Food – GOOD inDEED !

The annual Scouting for Food drive helps feed the hungry in our community. Scouting for Food is an annual program of the Boy Scouts of America begun in 1985 that collects food for local food banks. Each year, Scouts leave plastic bags for their neighbors soliciting canned food items. One week later, the Scouts return to pick up and deliver the bags of food to a local food bank – in our case the Macomb Food Bank.

It may be hard for the boys who start their morning with a nice breakfast to understand as they collect cans of food what it means to be hungry. One scout in St. Louis where the drive originated will never forget the senior lady who handed him two cans of food, and with tears in her eyes said, "God Bless you. I was hungry once, during the Depression."

"She cried, Dad," the Scout told his father when

he returned to the car- He shook his head in sadness and said, "It must be a terrible thing to be hungry."

Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement and its dedication to implement the Scout Slogan and do a good turn daily.

Scouting for Food provides a Scout the opportunity to discover the goodness of his neighbors, further develop his sense of responsibility to humankind and to feel the satisfaction of just doing something nice for someone.

Support our Troops

Stephen Haithcock

If you would like to support our troops, General Dynamics is collecting blank holiday cards to send to their adopted units. Troops can fill out and send home to their families.

If you have any blank cards leftover from last year, please give them to Stephen Haithcock at the November 2 or 9 Troop Meetings. They will be shipped over to the troops – our American heroes.

November Birthdays

Be sure to wish a happy birthday to your fellow scouts that notch another year on the tally this month:

- Aaron Claeys
- James Guilbault
- Jim Lang
- Justin McNeil
- Noah Paraventi
- Darin Pogasic

Check This Out....

Catherine Schmidt

The Shelby Township Library has a large collection of new Merit Badge books. The books are located in the Teen Area of the library and may be checked out for three weeks. To see if the library has a particular book, search the online catalog by title (example "Geocaching") or browse the complete list by searching the author "Boy Scouts of America." Books can also be requested from other libraries in the area and sent to the Shelby Library for pickup. The Library's website is <http://www.shelbytwplib.org> and the phone number is 586-739-7414.

Thankful this Thanksgiving for Volunteers

The Boy Scouts of America relies on dedicated volunteers to promote its mission of preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, nearly 1.2 million adults provide leadership and mentoring to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

Through the dedication of these many volunteers, the Boy Scouts of America remains the foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training in America.

To these volunteers we would like to say thank you for your dedication to Scouting.

And, to adults who are not currently Scout volunteers, we invite you to become a volunteer and share in the positive experiences of the Scouting programs.

Munch Bunch

Monkey Bread

Ingredients:

2 rolls of Pillsbury biscuits

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

3 Tbsp cinnamon

1 stick butter

Line dutch oven with foil to catch melted sugar.

Tear biscuits into quarters.

Mix sugar and cinnamon in plastic bag. Drop each quarter into bag and shake to coat well.

Place in dutch oven.

Melt butter and pour over biscuits.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Serves 6 to 8.

Rock On

Justin and Joshua McNeil

We collected white tail deer hoof prints and used Plaster of Paris to make models. This is a rank requirement. So if you would like to have one we'll bring them to a meeting. We made them at Dodge Park last spring. If you want to make some of your own we could go with you and show you where to look.

A SCOUTER'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER

With reverence in our hearts,

we, Your many children of many beliefs,

United in common purpose,

gather to offer this our humble prayer,

In Thanksgiving:

As Scouters we are thankful for: The many gifts and talents given to our fellow Scouters, and to ourselves;

The freedom we have to join together and as a team accomplish more than any of us could alone;

The opportunity to be of service to young people, parents, other Scouters and our community;

Our joy at seeing so many young people become excited as they grow and are able to meet challenges;

Being reminded by their ceremonies and legends that he who serves his fellows, is of his fellows greatest;

And most importantly we are thankful for the gift of knowing that our prayers are heard.

We each in own way take this moment to silently add our own thanksgivings . . . (pause)

With thanks in our hearts we offer our prayers and ask that You, the Great Scoutmaster of All Scouts, be with each of us until we meet again.

By Michael F. Bowman

Keep Informed

Please note the troop is in the process of updating a new website. The website will be a central holding spot for troop communications. In the meantime, Trooptwozeroeight face book page is up and running so please check it out and join. In addition, the troop has centralized email distribution through our webmaster, Mrs. Momeyer: trp208webmaster@gmail.com .



*Remember to send your articles for next month's newsletter to
Mrs. Haithcock at haithcockfamily@hotmail.com
Submissions for the December edition of "TwoOhEight" Times due on
close of day November 30, 2011*