

Two Oh Eight Times

Boy Scouts of America Troop 208

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Scout Master Central

Mr. Momeyer

With the same excitement as a Detroit Lion's 3-0 start, Troop 208 has kicked off what looks to be another great year! In August, the Scouts met for their planning meeting and

Agawam, a Junior Leadership Training/Just for Fun campout. The weather was great, and Mr. Adamini came out and helped conduct training to 10

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came up with an outstanding year of camping, activities, and service projects. I can truly say this is a boy led Troop as it was the Scouts that came with all of the ideas. In September, we started with our first campout for the year at Camp

Scouts in key leadership positions. It won't be long before we're off to Camp Rotary on Oct. 7 for the Camporee (can you say Coup Stick!)

Speaking of the Camporee, two of our first three Troop

Upcoming Events

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October 5
Corn Maze

October 5
Cut off for
Advancements/Merit
Badges for COH

October 7-9
Camporee

October 12
Troop Meeting

October 19
Court of Honor (COH)

October 22
Cedar Point

October 26
Troop Meeting

October 15 & 29
WEBELOS Transition
Days

November 5 & 12
Scouting for Food

meetings have been spent putting together our gateway for the Camporee. The concept for the gateway came from Alex Gauronskas, and the designs/plans created by Luke Bottoms. I think the Scouts outdid themselves this time by keeping with the theme of board games, and creating a gateway of Chutes and Ladders and Checkers. Special thanks go out to the

Jake's Corner

Jake Bottoms, SPL

At our last PLC meeting, we formulated many fun plans for the 2011/2012 scout year. Watch for updates on these events. Please know you are all welcome to attend these meetings. They are at my house once a month.

Maley family who gave our gateway a home while the Troop built it. In addition to these events, we also went to the Webber Museum, and saw one of the largest private collections of stuffed animals from Mr. Webber's hunting expeditions around the world.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank all of the Scouters that

have volunteered to sponsor campouts and activities throughout the year. To turn a phrase, "It takes a village of Scouters to guide a Troop." For Scouts and Scouters alike, the more we put into scouting, the more we'll get out of it, and the more fun we'll all have.

Here's looking forward to the upcoming year!

Monthly Corner Question:

What is Mr. Momeyer's favorite animal?

Check out the activity board at next week's meeting to find out the answer.

I hope many of you join us for the Webelos' Transition Days and upcoming Camporee. I am hoping that Troop 208 wins back the Coup Stick this year at Camporee, October 7-9.

This award is based on troop spirit and we all know Troop 208 has a lot of that!!! Come to camp and be a part of our winning weekend.

New River Camp

Lisa Dunn & Taylor
Maley

One of our summer camps this year was a high adventure trip to New River in Hiwassee, Virginia. Some of the highlights of the trip were the adventures we did every day. Those adventures included high cope, where many boys completed the course. They also had the zip line, and flying squirrel (which I believe was Mrs. Bottom's favorite). Low cope day included team activities. Other adventures were more treacherous and included white water canoeing, (also known as tipping) white water rafting, and caving (with lots of mud). It was a fantastic week to try new adventures, learn a bit more about others, and have a great time.

During the last night of camp they had an OA ceremony and those that received the honor were, Taylor Maley, Jake Bottoms, Kevin Kulka, Andrew Momeyer, and Jacob Gould.

A huge thank you to Jake Bottoms, SPL, for keeping things running smoothly with the scouts that week, Mr. Kulka for keeping us working as a group, and a bit of friendly teasing thrown in, and all the scouts and adults that helped before and during the trip.

Plans are underway for another exciting summer camp the week of July 7th, 2012 at Heritage Reservation Camp in Farmington, Pennsylvania. Be sure to get with Mrs. Dunn or Mrs. Maley ASAP to reserve your spot today!

From the Office of the Treasurer

Bob Law

Troop dues for the 2011-2012 year will be \$75 payable to Mr. Law via either check or scout account voucher. Scouts turning 18 during the year will have their dues pro-rated.

Dues for returning scouts are to be paid in full by October 15th for all scouts!

*"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens." -
Robert Baden-Powell*

Getting your Coup in a Group

What IS a coup stick anyway?

Some American Indian tribes used coup sticks (“coo sticks”) to display accomplishments.

Items such as beads, feathers, bear claws, or eagle claws were awarded at tribal meetings for deeds of note. These were attached to the coup stick for display, bringing honor to the coup stick owner. Making coup stick envy a common topic in those days.

October Birthdays

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

- Justin Bratton
- Joey Elliott
- Elliott Hewson
- Peter Samurkas

Pay Your Way

Even if you can't get a job yet, there are several ways to help relieve the strain scouting puts on Mom & Dad's wallet.

Do chores, mow lawns, shovel snow, and take part in troop fundraising opportunities!!

Current/upcoming troop fundraisers:

- Popcorn sales are ongoing. Contact Ms. Pelletier for details: L.J.Pelletier@comcast.net.
- Wreath sales are coming soon. The wreaths are really nice and reasonably priced. Watch for details. Take orders in Oct. for Before Thanksgiving delivery. Contact Mrs. McNeil for details: susanrosemcneil@yahoo.com

Munch Bunch

Pizza Bombs

Ingredients: Can of flaky biscuits, pizza sauce, sliced pepperoni, grated cheese

Fold up a square of foil into a bowl shape. Separate flaky biscuits into four or five layers. Spread the layers onto the foil and pat together. Layer pizza sauce, sliced pepperoni, and cheese on the biscuits. Place over hot coals and cook.

Walking Salad

Ingredients: Apple, peanut butter, raisins

Cut the top off an apple and remove the core. Take care not to cut all the way through to the bottom of the apple. Fill the cavity with peanut butter mixed with raisins. Replace the top of the apple and wrap in plastic wrap. Take along for a quick snack on a hike.

Create your own filling using your favorites, such as cheese, nuts, marshmallows, dried fruit, etc.

Keep Informed

Hope you enjoyed the 1st edition of TwoOhEight Times. This monthly newsletter is one of many communication tools used by Troop 208 to share information. 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 addition, the troop has centralized email distribution through our webmaster, Mrs. Momeyer: trp208webmaster@gmail.com . Don't forget weekly troop meetings begin and end with floggings until moral improves.....kidding, they begin and end with announcements so we encourage everyone to attend!