

# On the Eagle Trail

The Scoop on the Troop

February 2006

## For Your Calendar

### February

5 - Scout Sunday

6 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

9 - Parent Meeting - Geo Lab

13 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

17-20 - Camp Warren Ski/Snowboard Trip

27 - Troop Meeting

27 - Volunteer Service Logs Due

### March

5 - Pancake Breakfast 7:30am - 1:00pm

6 - Court of Honor

9 - Parent Meeting - Geo Lab

10-12 - Campout at Kiwanis Scout Camp

13 - PLC Meeting - Geo Lab

19 - Troop 283 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

20 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

27 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

### April

3 - Spring Break - No Meeting

10 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

13 - Parent Meeting - Geo Lab

17 - Troop Meeting - Mithun - Elections

22 - Parkers Lake Cleanup/Scouting For Food

24 - PLC Meeting - Geo Lab

28-29 - Campout Luce Line Bike/Lake Katrina

30 - Junior Leader Training

Troop meetings 7:00-8:30 Parent meetings 7:00-8:30

PLC meetings 6:45-8:15 Mondays after campouts

No meetings on school holidays

## Upcoming Events

### Timberwolves Game

Sign up now at [www.troop283.net](http://www.troop283.net) for the Timberwolves game on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Boys from our troop will perform the color guard at the beginning of the game. This is an exciting opportunity! Don't miss out. The last day to order your tickets is January 31, 2006 at 10:00am.

### Giant's Ridge Skiing

We hope you will join the troop families at Camp Warren Feb. 17-20th. It's one of our best troop events of the year. The scouts stay in cabins and scout leaders have very nice accommodations in the main lodge. All meals are shared with the whole group and the skiing at Giant's Ridge is awesome! If you are a new skier plan to sign up for lessons. Don't miss this great weekend. See website for details.

[http://www.troop283.net/feb\\_06\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.troop283.net/feb_06_flyer.pdf)

### Court of Honor

The next Court of Honor is March 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a Friends of Scouting presentation during this event. If we make our goal, the Council is offering free rank recognition awards to the troop. Scout's, this is a great opportunity to make a push to finish that merit badge or last few items in rank.

### Pancake Breakfast

Our annual pancake breakfast at Wayzata Community Church is scheduled for Sunday morning, March 5. We need Scouts as servers, bussers, greeters and dishwashers. Parents, we need you behind the griddles in the kitchen. Everyone has fun and the Troop raises some money for new camping equipment. This event is also appreciated by WCC and its congregation. Hold the date on your family calendar and look for details and signups at Troop meetings in February.

### Troop 283 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> year as a Scout troop will be held Sunday, March 19 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Mithun hall. Look for additional information in the near future.



## Web Site Update

Please note the troop web site address, [www.troop283.net](http://www.troop283.net). The old alternate address, [www.t283.com](http://www.t283.com), will no longer work in the near future.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Merit Badge Counselors Needed

For all eagle required and some of the more popular merit badges, we need to get additional adults to sign up. We are hoping that each scout family can offer at least one merit badge. On our website is our list of counselors. Look over the list and look over the list of merit badges that are offered and see if you have an interest or expertise you can share with our scouts. Its fun, rewarding and a big help to the troop. See attached registration form to be a counselor. This form should be completed and submitted to Dudley Bartholow. The following are merit badges that could use additional counselors:

Basketry, rifle shooting, shot gun shooting, sports, snow sports, family life, art, athletics, camping, cooking back packing, photography, electronics, small boat sailing. Life saving, swimming, personal fitness, physical fitness, wilderness survival, woodworking, salesmanship, pioneering, hiking, fishing.

### Troop committee Chair

If you are interested please contact Brad Buchanan at 763-449-0339

## Feedback from WCC

At the December parent meeting we relayed concerns from our Charter Organization of Scouts running around the church unsupervised during troop meetings. Assistant Scoutmasters have been assigned supervision responsibilities to monitor this. During the last troop meeting, we received feedback from our WCC partners acknowledging our efforts. Thank you everyone for working with our scouts. We will continue to monitor our scouts and WCC feedback.

## Scout Opportunities

### Grey Wolf

Grey Wolf (formerly known as Pine Tree) is Northern Star Council's new home of National Youth Leadership Training. This is a unique weeklong junior leadership camp offered every summer. Grey Wolf's staff helps Scouts hone their individual Scouting skills, from camping and hiking, to cooking and swimming. But what Grey Wolf really specializes in is developing

Leadership among a select group of future troop leaders.

In order to attend Grey Wolf you must be at least 13 years old and First Class prior to the beginning of camp. The boys from our troop that are eligible recently received a letter asking them to write a letter to their Scoutmaster explaining why they would be a good candidate. The Assistant Scoutmasters will review the letters, and a first and second choice will be made. To be selected to attend Grey Wolf is quite an honor and we look forward to receiving self-nomination letters from all eligible boys. Past attendees include Brent L ('99), Rob W & Nick L ('02), Billy W & Justin L ('03), Sam W ('04) and Aaron L ('05).

### Presidential Service Award

The close of the period to submit volunteer hours to go toward a Presidential Volunteer Service Award is February 28th. Everyone who would like to submit their hours for consideration of the award must have their worksheets turned in to Angela Birnbaum ([birnb002@umn.edu](mailto:birnb002@umn.edu)) by March 15th. (The last meeting before this date is March 6th.) Each record should include date, activity, time spent, place, and area of service. More information on all awards and guidelines is available on the troop web page or at [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov). I will verify each record and plan to order awards for the June Court of Honor. Remember that you only need 50 hours for a bronze award if you are 14 years or under for a

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majority of the year. Once you turn 15 the hours needed for each award doubles. If you have any questions please give me a call (763-404-2512) or e-mail.

#### Order of the Arrow Vote

Our troop will vote for boys to become members of the Order of the Arrow at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. This is a very high honor within Scouts.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

1. To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
3. To promote Scout camping
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

To become a member, a boy must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop and hold First Class rank. The boy must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 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, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster.

## Troop News

#### Troop Charter

The troop charter has been processed and once again we are a **Quality Unit**. A special thank you to **Janet Swiecichowski** and **Roger Birnbaum** for all their help getting the paperwork processed. We re-chartered 52 scouts, compared to 55 last year. Troop 283 can be very proud of the retention of our scout families. This is

a very high retention result in the council. It speaks to a quality program offered to our scouts, and is one of our many strengths. Another strength is the 31 adults registered to work with our scouts. Thank you Troop 283 families for making this all possible.

Donna Larson, Committee Chair

#### Philmont 2007 Crew Holds First Meeting

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the 2007 Philmont Crew held their first planning meeting. An overview of the trip was given to the boys and their parents. We discussed fundraising, equipment to be purchased and a few of the decisions to be made. All ten boys made a commitment to attend all future planned events. In addition, a \$50 deposit was collected from each participant.

The 2007 crew consists of ten boys and two adult leaders. Duane Swenson and Brent Kellum are the two adult leaders with Scott Vanderlinde as an alternate. The following boys are signed up: Adam Birnbaum, Weston B, Alex E, Drew K, Aaron L, Anthony Laska, Shane S, Luke S and Jason V.

#### North Wind 2006

On January 6-8, the Amundsen crew of eight boys, two adult leaders and two staff members enjoyed a weekend of winter camping. Northern Star Council offers an exciting winter camping program for Scouts and Venturers called *North Wind*. The purpose of *North Wind* is to develop self-reliance, resourcefulness, learn teamwork, co-operation and responsibility by applying winter camping skills. The program is held at Stearns Scout Camp. Scouts who come to North Wind receive training in key areas for success and enjoyment of the winter camping experience. Bob Patton and Brent Kellum were the adult leaders. Andrew W, Alex E, Drew K, Timothy P, Weston B, Thomas H (and two of his good buddies Max and Stephen) attended. We all had a great time, especially building the Quinzee (also known as a snow hut). We highly recommend North Wind for all eligible scouts. You must be a 7<sup>th</sup> grader or older to attend.



**Members of Troop 283 Enjoy a Weekend at North Wind**

### **Philmont '06 Fundraiser**

Please support the crew heading to Philmont this summer with your February pizza purchases! Buy pizza from Papa Murphy's Take & Bake in Wayzata only (between Radio Shack & Lund's) on any Tuesday in February, and \$2/pizza sold will be donated by Papa Murphy's to T283's Philmont crew. Below are coupons to clip and turn in, one for each week. IMPORTANT--they keep track of our business ONLY by how many coupons are turned in! If you happen to lose this newsletter and/or coupons, they can be reprinted from the T283 website at the "Newsletter" link. Thanks, Papa Murphy's!

Troop 283 Philmont Fundraiser  
 PAPA MURPHY'S WAYZATA  
 Tuesday, **February 7, 2006**  
 To order: (952) 475-2222  
 TURN IN THIS COUPON!!!  
 \$2/pizza sold goes to support  
 T283's Philmont '06 Crew  
 Thanks PAPA MURPHY'S!

Troop 283 Philmont Fundraiser  
 PAPA MURPHY'S WAYZATA  
 Tuesday, **February 14, 2006**  
 To order: (952) 475-2222  
 TURN IN THIS COUPON!!!  
 \$2/pizza sold goes to support  
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 Thanks PAPA MURPHY'S!

Troop 283 Philmont Fundraiser  
 PAPA MURPHY'S WAYZATA  
 Tuesday, **February 21, 2006**  
 To order: (952) 475-2222  
 TURN IN THIS COUPON!!!  
 \$2/pizza sold goes to support  
 T283's Philmont '06 Crew  
 Thanks PAPA MURPHY'S!

Troop 283 Philmont Fundraiser  
 PAPA MURPHY'S WAYZATA  
 Tuesday, **February 28, 2006**  
 To order: (952) 475-2222  
 TURN IN THIS COUPON!!!  
 \$2/pizza sold goes to support  
 T283's Philmont '06 Crew  
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