

On the Eagle Trail

The Scoop on the Troop

September 2006

For Your Calendar

October

- 9 – Court of Honor - Mithun
- 16– Troop Meeting – Mithun
Parent Meeting – Geolab
Wreath Sale Ends
- 23– Troop Meeting – Mithun (Troop Elections)
- 30– Troop Meeting – Gym (Pumpkin Carving)
Popcorn Sale Ends

November

- 3 – Thanksgiving Campout - Stearns
- 6 – PLC Meeting – Geolab
- 9 – Sleepout for IOC – Fagre Residence
- 11– Sleepout Kickoff - Wayzata
- 13– Troop Meeting – Mithun
Parent Meeting - Geolab
- 18– Wreath Distribution at WCC Lower Level
- 20– Troop Meeting – Mithun
- 27– Fun Event

December

- 4 – PLC Meeting - Geolab
- 11– Troop Meeting – Mithun
Parent Meeting - Geolab
- 13– Troop Meeting – Mithun
- 18– Troop Outing – Near Wilderness

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



Welcome New Scouts!

Troop 283 is happy to welcome **Jared W.** and **Mark** and **Paul B.** to the troop.

Upcoming Events

COURT OF HONOR

We have our next Court of Honor scheduled for Monday, October 9th. The Court of Honor meal will be pot luck this time. Our Senior Patrol Leader has assigned each patrol to bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert. Each patrol member should bring enough to feed 8 to 10 people. Don't forget to bring your own plate and utensils.

STEARNS HERITAGE THANKSGIVING CAMPOUT

One of the highlights of the year is the annual Scout Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner. Sleep in the lodge, play Frisbee golf, practice your orienteering skills, and other great activities. Campout is November 3-5, please sign up by October 30.

WREATH SALE

The wreath sale has begun; if you need a packet please contact Louise Millis at 763-258-2943 or Deb McCullough at 763-449-0651. Be sure that you read all the paperwork and go through the files since we have changed suppliers. Orders are due no later than October 16th; we will not be able to take late orders or reorders because of the change in suppliers.

Thanks,
The Wreath Ladies

POPCORN SALE

TROOP 283 POPCORN SALES TIME LINE

Sale started September 30, 2006

Sale Ends/Forms & Money due to Roger Birnbaum at Troop Meeting on October 30 [This is the day before the official ending but the coordinator needs time to complete the packet to submit to the council.]

We have two types of sales this year.

One type is just like in past years. This type is called Take Orders. You record the order for later deliver (After November 17).

The new type of orders is called Show & Deliver Orders. Roger Birnbaum will have most types of popcorn available for pickup starting on Saturday September 30. You can pick up a supply of popcorn

that you think you might sell. You can take this popcorn with you when you go out to sell and leave it with the customer. [You still need to write down the customer's information on your sales sheets because it is needed for the prizes.] As long as Roger has popcorn you can come back for more (call before coming 763-404-2512). Unsold Show & Deliver units must be returned to Roger Birnbaum at this time.

The Take Order Popcorn will be available to be picked up from the Birnbaum household late on November 17.

Your commission from the sales will not be in your scout account until early January.

On October 30 (or sooner) for popcorn you must turn in the following items:

- Copies of all sales forms (or computer printout from form downloaded from website)
- Money that matches all sales
- Popcorn Sales Summary Sheet (includes prize selection)

Selling tip! Use separate sales sheets for the Show & Deliver vs Take Orders to help prevent mix ups. When you turn in you copy to me you can put the two together to show that you quality for the Swarm and/or Timberwolves tickets.

~~SLEEP~~OUT EVENTS 2006 - SAVE THE DATES:

Once again we have been asked to serve cider and soup at the kickoff in Wayzata on November 11th. Also on Thursday November 9th (no school on Friday in Wayzata), the Fagre family will be hosting a sleepout fundraiser for IOCP. Matt F. and Justin L. are organizing the event. More details will follow shortly.

~~SEA~~ BASE OPPORTUNITY:

Are you 14 or older, interested in becoming Scuba Certified and attending Seabase in August of 2007? Justin L. and Matt F. will be attending Seabase with a Venture Crew next summer. There are more openings at this time. See Donna Larson if you are interested in attending and getting certified.

Volunteer Update

We are happy to announce that **Scott Blomberg** has joined the Advancement Team as Assistant advancement Chair and **Janet Swiecichowski** has taken over as Advancement chair. The team has met and divided up responsibilities and are ready to manage awards of this always busy fall Court of Honor.

Mitch Morey will be taking over the position of Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of Junior Leader Training and will be working with the Scoutmaster on mentoring and training our new leaders after elections in October as well as working with the scout leadership during PLC's and after troop meetings.

Brad Buchanan will be joining **Dave Larson** working with High Adventure programs with our older Scouts. Look for some changes to enhance the experience for our Venture Patrol scouts.

The Committee Chair search committee is underway and working with potential leaders to assume this role.

A special thank you to our many fine volunteers for all their efforts over summer coordinating summer camping experiences. Thank you **Amy Ziegler, Shawn Stuftt, Pat Moran, Dave Larson, Ed Wasz, Mitch and Chris Morey, and Brent Kellum** for your many hours of planning details for campouts and high adventure events. We are so fortunate to have all of you. During the week of Many Point, the troop had 49 scouts camping during the same week. 39 were at Many Point and 10 were at Philmont. Quite an impressive participation result. I would also like to recognize the adults who worked with our scouts organizing volunteer events over the summer. These included **Janet Swiecichowski, Connie Fagre, Carla Bahls, Betty and Jim Laska**. The troop was very visible this summer with the Relay for Life, James Hill Parade,

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Wayzata Community Church rummage sale and 125 Anniversary celebration.

A special thank you to all of our parent volunteers for all you do for our scouts to make Troop 283 program a strong one. Our success is a result of your efforts.

Donna Larson

Troop News

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

On October 23rd, Troop 283 will hold our next elections. Scouts are elected to positions of leadership and responsibility by other Scouts for a term that lasts six months. As in past elections, we will describe the position and then ask for candidates to come forward and give a speech on why they are interested in the position and what makes them the most qualified. Then the boys vote. Once elected, these young men then plan and execute their own Scouting programs.

Many different levels of youth authority exist in the troop, from the Senior Patrol Leader, to Assistant Patrol Leaders. Several staff positions also exist for young men who prefer to provide support services, like Quartermaster, Historian, Chaplain Aide and Scribe.

Once elected into a leadership position, Troop 283 Scouts become part of the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC), which is the group that governs the troop. It consists of the Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. The PLC meets monthly with the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters to plan, review and assess troop programs.

PHILMONT '06

T283's Philmont '06 Crew had a fun and successful trip to Cimarron, NM from July 22 to August 5, 2006. Ten Scouts and two adult advisors, led by Crew Leader **Sam W.** & Assistant **Justin L.**, had a great time backpacking through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Each scout carried their own gear, as well as a portion of the group's gear, which added up to somewhere around 40 to 50 lbs. The twelve day trek included a side hike to the summit of Mt. Baldy (12441 feet) which was definitely a challenge for all!

Prior to arriving at Philmont, the crew spent two days in Colorado Springs getting acclimated to the elevation. Philmont's base camp is equivalent to Colorado Springs at around 6500'. Sightseeing stops in Colorado Springs included the US Air Force Academy, Royal

Gorge Bridge, Garden of the Gods Park, and Wind Cave.

The rest of the crew included **Luke M, Thomas B, Andrew W, Ryan F, Thomas M, Thomas M,** and **Timothy P,** and advisors **Ed Wasz** and **Pat Moran.** Another T283 crew is already making plans for next summer's Philmont '07 trek!

MANY POINT 2006

Many Point 2006 had 39 scouts and 14 parents enjoying the warm August days at Buckskin Fitzpatrick site. The location was wonderful and right by the lake, a great place to cool off. We had an awesome group of boys that we are proud of. All had great experiences to recall throughout the year and each scout earned 2-3 merit badges each. Fifteen scouts attended HIGH ADVENTURE activities at Flintlock.

In June 2006 we also had a group of 8 boys attend ALL STAR camp at Many Point. Several of them, liked it so much they went back again with the troop in August for a second week of summer camp fun and adventure. See the photo section at www.troop283.net for a great photo essay of Troop 283 Many Point 2006 Adventures! You can even order pictures of your scout at camp off the website if you like.

SCOUT MASTER SUMMER RECAP

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

We just completed a string of very exciting and rewarding campouts. It started with a great canoe trip down the Brule River in June (big thanks to the Mann family for making it a big success). In July we had thirty-nine boys at Many Point (wonderfully planned by Mr. and Mrs. Morey) and another ten boys at Philmont. That's forty nine boys from our troop all camping the same week! I'm very proud of this high level of participation, both by boys and parents. In August we

camped at Stockton Island in the Apostle Islands and the feedback from the everyone was fantastic. Last month, we hiked and climbed at Devils Lake in Wisconsin and it was phenomenal! The boys want to make this an annual trip now. The wonderful memories created on these campouts will last a lifetime. Big thanks to our Camping Chair, **Amy Ziegler** and to the boy leaders who chose to add Stockton Island and Devils Lake to our summer calendar.

Brent Kellum

GREY WOLF

Congratulations to **Luke S** and **Jeff S** who attended Grey Wolf leadership training over the summer. Grey Wolf is an excellent training program that develops future scout leaders.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is a National group, within the Boy Scout organization, that is the National Honor Society of campers that wish to continue in the program and provide service to others in their troops. It is a privilege to be nominated by the troop and your Scouting peers. This year scout **Luke S**, and adult leaders **Roger Birnbaum** and **Scott Janke** were nominated to attend the Lake Minnetonka District Conclave and Calling Out Ceremony, September 22-24, 2006, at the Rum River Scout Camp in Anoka. At the Conclave, the nominees must go through the Ordeal, and if they pass, they may attend the Calling Out Ceremony and become a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Attending the troop with **Luke S**, **Matt F**, **Justin**, Adult Leader **Roger**, **Scott J**. Scouts 50% of program service troop with

PHILMONT
On Sep
Luke M

2006 Philmont Expedition) to give us a recap of their recently concluded trip. We saw lots of great photos and got a chance to hear Mr. Moran, Luke and Sam recall their many wonderful Philmont experiences. The Philmont 2007 crew had lots of questions and we received lots of great advice. The 2007 boys left the meeting very pumped up after learning more about Philmont. Big thanks to Mr. Moran, Luke and Sam for sharing their experiences.

Our crew will now start the process of lining up fundraising opportunities, purchasing our backpacking equipment, getting physically fit and putting together a trip plan. Our dates are now set. We arrive at Philmont on July 9, 2007 and we depart Philmont on July 21st. The Philmont 2007 crew consists of: **Jason V, Shane S, Alex E, Luke S, Anthony L, Aaron L, Adam B, Weston B, Jeff S, Drew K** and adult leaders **Mr. Swenson** and **Mr. Kellum**.

UPCOMING PHILMONT '07 FUNDRAISERS

Grocery Bagging at Cub Foods November 22

The 2007 Philmont group is once again fundraising by bagging groceries at Cub Foods in Plymouth on Wednesday, November 22nd from 4-9. In the past, this has been a very successful fundraiser, so your help is really appreciated.

If you would like to help these scouts by volunteering your time, you may count these hours as volunteer hours for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award but



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