

On the Eagle Trail

The Scoop on the Troop

December 2005

For Your Calendar

December

2 - Pool Party - Middle School

5 - PLC Meeting - Geo Lab

12 - Parent Meeting - Geo Lab

12 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

19 - Troop Service Project

January

6-8 Northwinds

9 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

12 - Parent Meeting - Geo Lab

16 - Martin Luther King Day - No Meeting

20-22 - Winter Camporee: Tentative Date

23 - PLC Meeting - Geo Lab

30 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

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 - Court of Honor

27 - Volunteer Service Logs Due

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



New Scoutmaster!

Effective December 1st, **Brent Kellum** will be taking over as Scoutmaster for Troop 283. Brent has served as Assistant Scoutmaster and Outdoor Chair this past year. He was also Pack 388 Committee Chair for several years. He will be setting up a meeting with the Assistant Scoutmasters in the near future to best utilize these resources working with our scouts. Thank you Brent!

Thank You, Jim!

A very special THANK YOU to **Jim Laska** for his past two years of service as Scoutmaster. Jim has been a great leader for our troop and we have been very lucky to have him devote his time to our scouts of Troop 283.

Upcoming Events

We have scheduled a pizza and pool party for Friday, December 2nd, which should be a lot of fun! The Winter Camporee is scheduled for January 20-22. More details to follow in the coming weeks. We're all looking forward to a great time at Camp Warren for the Giants Ridge Ski/Snowboard trip on February 17-20.

Adopt-a-Family

Once again, the troop will be sponsoring a family. We will be providing Christmas gifts for a needy family of four. The family includes a father, mother, and two boys ages 12 and 6.

We are asking each scout to donate \$10 for this cause. Please turn in your donation to your patrol leader by Friday, December 2nd. If you have questions please call Jonathan Wenner at 952-473-1910.

Thank You!

To the Website committee, and especially **Scott Janke**, for working over the past 6 months to create our awesome website, www.troop283.net.

To **Roger Birnbaum**, who coordinated popcorn sales this year

To **Deb McCullough** and **Louise Millis**, who coordinated wreath sales

To The **Frisbie** and **Wilder** families for selling wreaths at WCC after church services.

Volunteer Positions Available

Committee Chairman: There is a search committee in process to find a new Committee Chairman for the Troop. Contact Brad Buchanan who is heading up the committee for questions about this position or refer to the website.

Outdoor Chair: We are looking for an outdoor chair to plan outdoor events. This person will work with 4 other members of the committee that have already committed to head up the canoe trip and Giants Ridge. This is a great way to share your son's scout experience and get to know other families in the troop. Contact Donna Larson or see website for information about the position.

Court of Honor Coordinator: We have two more Court of Honor ceremonies this year. We need a parent to work with the MC's on planning the program and coordinating the event. Contact Donna Larson 763-475-2857.

Troop 283 is celebrating 90 years!

In February the troop will be planning an event to celebrate with our community partners and charter organization that the troop is celebrating its 90th birthday. If anyone would like to help plan this event, please contact Donna Larson.

Pancake Breakfast

March 5th the troop will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser at WCC. Connie Fagre and Carla Bahls are co-chairing this event. All scouts and families will be asked to serve and help make this event a success. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Fundraisers

2005 Popcorn Sales

Eighteen of our scouts sold a total of \$4,401 of popcorn in 2005. This will result in over \$1,200 going into their various Scout Accounts. Besides the deposits that will go into the Scout accounts in January, Thirteen of the scouts earned prizes from Trails-End. If you have not received your prize please contact Roger Birnbaum (763-404-2512).

A big thank you is extended to **Robin Lindquist**. She sold popcorn at her work (some co-workers are hooked on the popcorn from previous sales by her sons). She is donating the funds to the adults going on the Philmont 2006 trip. She also donated her Wal-Mart gift card prize to the Philmont cause.

The top sellers were Tyler Welch at over \$1300, Weston Birnbaum at over \$800 and Mathew Frank at over \$400.

A new program that the troop will have to decide upon for 2006 is pre-ordering some of the popular items. This will allow scouts to take items with them and leave them with customers at the time of the sale (no later delivery will be needed). This is supposed to increase the sales by about 15%. Items that are not sold can be returned.

2005 Wreath Sales

The Scouts sold a total of 543 items, with \$9,195 collected. An additional \$1,200 of items have been sold as of November 26th through sales at Wayzata Community Church.

Top sellers were Adam Birnbaum (\$972), Joshua Paquette (\$865), and Mark Wilson (\$711). Honorable mention, in descending order by sales: Thomas Buchanan, Matt Deitering, Thomas McCullough, Shane Soehren, and Alex Bahls

Philmont 2006 Fundraiser

Over \$1,000 was raised November 23 bagging groceries at Cub Foods in Plymouth. A big thank you to all the Scout volunteers and to **Laura Moran** for organizing the fundraiser.

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Philmont 2007 Update

We recently received confirmation from Philmont Scout Ranch that the 2007 crew will start their expedition on July 9th and finish on July 21st. Planning is just getting underway for this exciting trip.

Fall Camporee

Congratulations to the 20 scouts and 10 visiting Webelos who attended and took 3rd place in the catapult competition at the Fall Camporee. There were 20 troops competing. Good work Scouts.

Training

In November Brad Buchanan held a Junior Leader training session for the Senior Leadership and Patrol Leaders. In addition, Tyler Welch was trained as a Den Chief for Pack 283.

Reminders

Refer to the website, www.troop283.net, for details on all troop events. All e-mails are posted to the website with event details. In order to streamline

communication within the troop, if you need to send an email to the troop, we ask that the e-mail be sent to one of these contacts: Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Outdoor Chair, High Adventure Chair, webmaster, Sr. Patrol Leader or Scribe to distribute to the troop.

February is Troop Rechartering month. Enclosed is a rechartering fee statement. Please send this to Roger Birnbaum. The troop recharter fee covers the recharter fee and boys life. Costs for awards and events are covered from our troop fundraisers.

Presidential Award: Remember to keep your logs of service hours for the Presidential Service Award. See the website for details.

A Special Thanks to all the families who have supported the Werts family raking leaves, bringing meals, and visiting Dave at the hospital. Dave is getting better each day.

Troop 283 IOCP Sleepout Report

Matt Fagre/Justin Larson Sleepout at Fagre's: 24 scouts participated with 22 sleeping out. Running simultaneously was an air hockey and magic card tournament. The weather was perfect and our scouts had a great time. \$1000 was earned for IOCP sleepout campaign.

Kickoff on Lake Street: Troop 283 was in charge of serving cider and soup. Many thanks to the Swiecichowski and Werb families for heading up this event and to all the scout families that helped make this evening a success.

Polaris Sleepout: Polaris had over 200 people sleeping outside in tents on November 18th at Polaris Headquarters in Medina to raise \$200,000 for Interfaith Outreach Community Partners (IOCP). Troop 283 was there to help direct traffic, set-up and teardown tents, tend the fire and deliver hot chocolate to other volunteers. We would like to thank the following boys who volunteered their time at this event: Alex Eide, Drew Kellum, Luke Swiecichowski, Jacob Ziegler, Jeff Swenson, Ryan Frisbie, Matt Fagre, Christian Fagre and Justin Larson. Also a special thanks to Brent Kellum and all the families who camped out. This was a very successful and fun event!



Scouts of Troop 283 at the Matt Fagre/Justin Larson Sleepout