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Troop 165 Today

We will be replacing 10 2-man troop tents with new ones from Coleman (\$70 each). Please consider a donation to help offset some of this expense. Thanks much!

Good news! Due to the success of the mulch fundraiser, all checks that you wrote for summer camp payments have not been cashed and will be returned to you at the Court of Honor.

Open Committee Positions

Calling all parents...we currently have 3 open positions on the Troop Committee. Please consider spending a little time to support your son's scouting life. The current position holders are ready to train the new committee members! The positions are:

- **Secretary** – responsibilities include keeping minutes of troop committee meetings and sending out committee meeting notices, working with the troop scribes on note taking skills and file organization and preparing the previous meeting prior to the subsequent committee meeting (2 hours per month).
- **Fundraising Chair** – Having enough funds for troop activities and equipment purchases is important to a successful scouting program. Fundraising is the main way that new equipment is purchased for the troop. The Fundraising Chair responsibilities include looking for new opportunities for fundraising and coordinating the fundraisers with help from fundraising committee members. (2 hours per month)
- **Chaplain** – responsibilities include providing a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities and promoting regular participation of each troop member in the activities of the religious organization of his choice (1 hour per week plus meetings)

Please let Tansy Donovan know if you are interested in learning more about the positions.

FYI – Over 80 Merit Badges were earned by our boys at summer camp!

Scoutmaster Minute Leaders Have Vision

This month we will be holding our Troop Elections. First of all, let me tell you how much I have enjoyed working with Dale Wesa and his Patrol Leader Council. Dale and his team have done a great job this past year and I want to personally thank them for their hard work.

Leaders have vision. They know what they're doing, and they know why they're doing it -- always aware of the purpose behind the plan. But nobody is born a leader. The followers who become leaders must share the leader's vision. They look for purpose and learn to understand why certain things are done. An example of a follower who showed his leadership potential can be seen in this story of Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723, British Architect).

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Tomahawk Summer Camp 2009

A Scout Perspective...by Mark Hegreberg

Of the 3 summer camps I have been to, Tomahawk is probably the best. There was a great merit badge layout that gave us more time to work on our badges, many fun things to do during free time, and a great campsite. The way they delivered the food was very innovative. I had a great experience during merit badges. The climbing, reptile and amphibian study, and horsemanship instructors knew exactly what they were doing. In addition, this was one of the few summer camps in America that have a horse corral. It was great. The only complaint I have was that there was *less food* than at other camps, but overall, it was a great experience.



An Assistant Scoutmaster Perspective...by Mike Czarnik

T165 Summer Camp 2009 started with a bang when our scouts got to ride in a pretty cool bus even though they did secretly hope it was heading for Walt Disney World. With over half the scouts experiencing camp for the first time, we knew this would be an adventure. Upon arrival it was great to see the scout leadership team jump into unpacking the trailer and setting up camp. Everyone did a nice job getting through the first hurdle and then we were off to orientation. The scouts got a chance to see all the merit badge areas and hear the in's and outs of camp life. The trading post clearly got their attention from the start. Having the food brought the camp made life a bit easier, but we still needed set-up and clean up covered by the patrols. A duty roster was drafted and posted on the announcement board for everyone to see. The adult leaders split up to help the scouts get around the camp to their merit badges. Our new scouts joined the Brown Sea program which gave them a variety of areas to experience. One special aspect of the camp, was that they gave us an opportunity to sign up for Troop events. These were set for special times daily outside of the merit badge time slots. The scouts really enjoyed the chance to shoot a rifle, shotgun, archery, horseback riding, war canoe and others activities. Camp life quickly settled into a routine and the scouts knocked out the merit badge requirements like crazy. If they needed more time, they could return in the open period. If not, there was swimming, the trading post, fishing or whatever. Even with the threat of bears & ticks, I'd say all the scouts built a little more self confidence and certainly learned a great deal in life experience. I know I enjoyed helping out and seeing our scouts win the Camp Ironman over all those Viking & Packer fans! I can't wait for next year to be here again.



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After a big London fire, the great English architect, Sir Christopher Wren, volunteered his services to plan and superintend the building of one of the world's greatest cathedrals. He was unknown to most of the workers, and he took advantage of this and would pass among them often and watch the construction. On one occasion, he put the same question to three separate stonecutters. He simply asked them what they were doing.

One of the answered, "I am cutting this stone." Another answered, "I am earning my three shillings per day." But the third stood up proudly and said, "I am helping Sir Christopher Wren build this magnificent cathedral."

I look forward to working with the new Senior Patrol Leader, whoever is elected and his Patrol Leaders Council and to help them see their "vision" of Troop 165 come to pass.

Good night, Scouts.

Scoutmaster Dalton



Eagle Spotlight

RJ Castellero

What was your eagle project? Building a wooden altar for Faith Lutheran High School. It's a startup school and we didn't have an altar.

What was the hardest part of the project? The wood we originally got donated made the altar too heavy, so we basically built the project twice. I had a lot of help the 2nd time from a friend of the family who is a professional.

What did you learn the most from the project? Not to give up. My grandfather kept me going. He is the cornerstone of my scouting success.

What merit badge are you proudest of earning? Probably Personal Management and Personal Fitness. They took the most time. I learned to be responsible because of how much time and effort they took for me to complete them. The badge I enjoyed earning the most was photography.

What advice do you have for younger scouts? Be determined. You can do anything if you want to do it. Listen to your parents when they tell you not to give up when things get hard and you will be successful

Fondest memory in scouting? I wish all the scout troops were like 165. I was blessed to meet Mr. Dalton. He has been a huge source of help in my life.

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30	31	Upcoming Events 9/11-9/12 Youth Leader Training at Camp Algonquin – for new PLC 9/18-9/19 Nippersink Creek Canoe Trip for High Adventure Group Led by Donn Vitek 9/25-9/27 Chain O’ Lakes Horseback Riding Campout led by Jim Mudra 9/29 Court of Honor				