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FYI...The next Troop Committee Meeting is Tuesday, April 27, 2010 @ 7pm at the Nature Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Advancement News

At the recent Court of Honor we welcomed 14 new Scouts to Troop 165! Our new Scouts are:

Josh D , Tony F , Kyle G , Jack

M , David N , Drew N , Kevin N , Jacob P , Alex P , Landon R , Mark S , Brandon T , Tyler T , and Drake W .

We also congratulated new 1st Class Scouts Erik P and Jamie Q , and our new Life Scouts Kevin D , Matt G , and Dale W .

We awarded 13 merit badges and about a dozen Polar Bear awards to those Scouts willing to camp out in the cold. We also announced World Conservation Awards earned by Tim M , Henry H , Dale W , and Tommy M .

Scoutmaster Minute

This month we will be participating in the US Grant Pilgrimage in Galena. US Grant is a personal hero of mine. He was a great man but unfortunately surrounded himself with some pretty unscrupulous people as President. He was a talented general but hated war. He led from the front his whole life. He was a friend to Native Americans. He was a good man that has received bad press over the years.

Here is one of my favorite quotes from Pres Grant. *"Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves."* Ulysses S. Grant

Also this month, we are celebrating the fourth point of the Scout Law "A Scout is Friendly". Probably all of you know some guy who is grouchy all the time. His neighbors try to be nice to him, but he just won't be friendly. Maybe he'll build a great wall around his house to keep people away. Let me tell you about another kind of neighbor I heard about. There was no wall around his property, and somebody noticed that a strip of grass between his yard and his neighbor's yard was unusually green. How come? He was asked.

"Oh," he laughed, "my neighbor and I are so afraid we'll cheat each other that we always water and fertilize the grass across the line on the other fellow's side. That strip of grass down the property line gets twice as much water and fertilizer as the rest of our yards." Instead of a fence to keep each other away, that man and his neighbor had a vivid green reminder that they were friends.

The point of this story is that if you want to have friends, you can't build walls between yourselves and other people. Instead, cultivate that space between you by being as fair to the other guy as you'd like him to be to you. A Scout is friendly, and the way to have friends - and keep them - is to be friendly yourself.

Good Night Scouts, Mr. Dalton

Upcoming Events

OA Upcoming Dates:

- April 15: Chapter Meeting, archery at Cimameron Archery in Richmond.
- April 30-May 2: Section Conclave at Great Lakes Naval Base
- May 20: Chapter Service Project
- June 4-6: Wulapeju Lodge Spring Fellowship.
- August 13-15: Wulapeju Lodge Fall Condave
- August 28: Blackhawk Area Council Extreme Service Projects

Summer Camp Info

It's that time again...time to join your friends for some fun and adventure at:
SUMMER CAMP 2010
Camp Freeland Leslie
6/27— 7/3

The Troop PLC has selected a great camp for our 2010 Summer Camp. This camp has a strong focus on the Patrol Method, which is the basis for Boy Scouts. Camp Freeland Leslie is near Oxford, WI about 3 ½ hours from Crystal Lake. We will leave on Sunday 6/27 in the morning and return Saturday 7/3 in the afternoon.

Cost estimate for summer camp is \$300 per scout, \$185 per adult. The troop is planning a large fundraiser selling mulch this spring and if you help out with selling, delivering or spreading mulch the proceeds from the fundraiser will be put toward summer camp. Last year we were able to pay for everyone to attend summer camp by selling mulch.

In the mean time we need to get a commitment on who will be attending summer camp and we need to make a down payment to the camp.

So please provide a \$100 deposit per scout by 30-March.

If your scout decides later not to attend we can refund ½ of the deposit (\$50). When the troop finishes the mulch fundraiser and we have enough money to cover the entire cost of camp, a refund of the deposit will be available to everyone.

Over the next several weeks more information on getting ready for Summer Camp will be reviewed at the Troop meeting and communicated via email.

If you have any questions please contact Jim Mudra at 847-462-8043 or see him at the Troop meetings.

2010 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage

When: April 23-25, 2010

Where: Camping at
Apple River Fort,
day in Galena, IL

Cost: \$25.00

RSVP by April 6 to
reserve your spot!



Don't miss out on all the
scouting fun at this great event:

- Camping: We will be camping out at Canyon Camp in tents
- Visit Historic Galena, Illinois: We will be visiting Galena, and seeing many historic sites.
- Parade: The Troop will be marching in a Parade with thousands of other Scouts in Saturday Afternoon.
- Demonstrations: On Saturday morning, you can view demonstrations of pottery making, buck skinning, wood carving, and more!
- Torch lit tour of Apple River Fort and bonfire with marshmallow roasting!



News

Rechartering is the registration process a unit does each spring. Thanks to Mary Beth M for taking care of all our paperwork with the district. Here are our stats for the upcoming year— we have registered 14 new scouts. The Troop has 59 total paid youths and 35 adults. 7 scouts left the troop.

We are looking for a parent to attend the April and May District Roundtables on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock. The Roundtable provides information to the troop from the district level, including upcoming dates. We need you to report on what happened at the next troop committee meeting or forward notes to the committee.

Scouting for Food

Congratulations! The city-wide food drive brought in 20,654 items for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Troop 165 came in first place out of all the CL troops bringing in 3,360 items and \$175 in cash donations. Unfortunately, within 3 weeks, this food had mostly been handed out. Please consider giving even \$5 per month to the food pantry. This will buy them a whole banana box full of Meat from the food bank. Especially this summer, with kids home from school, the pantry will continue to need our help! Share if you can!

Mulch Fundraiser

We are kicking off the Mulch Fundraiser in April. We will be delivering and installing mulch on 5 Saturdays during April/May – 4/10, 4/17 5/1, 5/15, 5/21. Flyers and Order forms have been distributed via email and at the Court of Honor. The flyer is available on the website and the Order form is attached. Please make sure the flyers are marked with the scout's name and phone number for questions. The Order forms need to be turned in at the troop meeting preceding each delivery date, so please bring orders for the 4/10 delivery date to

the 4/6 troop meeting, or the order can be emailed to newletter@bsatrop165.org. We also need volunteers to sign up (both adult and scouts). We'd like to have 20 boys and 6 adults help out on each date. The mulch day will start at Tomasello Landscaping (directions below) at 8 am and be done by mid afternoon. It's fine if you can only volunteer for part of the day. Bring gloves, rakes, pitchforks and wheelbarrows if you can. Remember, all scouts who participate either by selling or installing mulch will get an equal share of the profits toward their summer camp costs/other scout expenses. Mulch samples for you to show to buyers are available. Look for them at troop meetings. We sold 350 yards of mulch last year and the profits covered all summer camp expenses plus bought some new tents. We hope to do as well this year!

Troop 165 Boy Scout Mulch Pickup Location Directions:

Take Route 14 toward Cary. Look for the Lowes Enterprises sign on the north side of the street. It is ¼ mile east of the Algonquin Township Building and west of Thortons/Three Oaks Road. Enter at the gravel road (sign says 3410 Northwest Highway), ignoring the no exit sign. Go all the way straight back to Tomasello Landscaping.

Camp Freeland Leslie

Camp Freeland Leslie (CFL) is located near Oxford, Wisconsin. The camp offers a variety of natural settings: pine forests, prairies, swamp, abundant wildlife and a beautiful lake entirely on the property. Lake Emerick is a unique natural resource and is one of the cleanest in Wisconsin.

The camp was purchased by the former DuPage Area Council in 1970. CFL was first used as a summer camp in 1972. The 500 acre property allows for a wide variety of Scouting opportunities

sure to meet the interests of the newest camper as well as experienced older Scouts. CFL offers a full complement of merit badges, outpost opportunities, first year camper program, a COPE course, high adventure programs and much more. One of the highlights of the summer camp program is the Friday night event featuring a camp wide pig roast.



Lehi Roller Mills Fundraiser

6 scouts participated in this fundraiser ordering \$251 in product. This generated a profit of \$110 for the Troop. Items will be shipped on 4/1 for a 4/6 delivery. We will consider doing this again for Christmas.

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Canoe Trip in July

There will be a HAG (High Adventure Group) canoe trip for boys ages 13 and older who have achieved 1st class rank or higher. The trip will be held July 17 – 22 and will depart from Galesburg, WI. The canoe trip covers 80 miles with no portaging. The cost will be approximately \$150- 175 which includes the canoe rental, life jacket and food. Contact Donn V for information.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			March 30 \$100 Deposit for Summer Camp Due	1	2	3
4	5	6 Troop Meeting Nature Center, 7pm Grant Pilgrimage form/\$\$ due Mulch orders due	7	8 District Roundtable 7:15p Grace Lutheran Woodstock	9	10 Mulch 8am, Tomasello's in Cary
11	12	13 Troop Meeting Nature Center, 7pm Mulch orders due	14	15 OA Chapter Mtg, - Archery in Richmond	16	17 Mulch 8am, Tomasello's in Cary
18	19	20 Troop Meeting Nature Center, 7pm	21	22	23 Grant Pilgrimage	24 Grant Pilgrimage
25 Grant Pilgrimage	26	27 Scoutmaster Mtg 6:30pm, PLC and Committee Mtgs 7pm, Nature Center	Upcoming Events: 5/1 Mulch 5/15 Mulch 5/21-23 Hiking Campout, Marengo Ridge 5/22 - Mulch 5/29 Placing flags at cemeteries 5/31 Memorial Day Parade 6/11-13 Ottawa, IL Centennial Celebration Campout 6/11-13 Tour de Blackhawk Bicycle Event - Monticello, WI 6/18-20 Chain O' Lakes Campout with Horseback Riding 6/27-7/3 - Summer Camp at Camp Freeland Leslie 7/17-22 St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Canoe Trip			

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