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Troop 165 Today

We still need a secretary for the Troop Committee. Position provides both an easy way to help out and a great way to learn more about the troop. Only requires attending 1 meeting per month, taking notes and emailing minutes to committee. Contact Tansy to discuss.

Popcorn prizes will be distributed at the Court of Honor/ Holiday Party on December 15th.

Eagle Cave Campout

Coming February 26-27, 2010, camp in a cave! Cost is \$45 per person and includes all camp fees and travel expense. We have reserved enough spots for 25 scouts and adults and can probably make room for a couple more if needed. Please bring your money to the Troop Holiday Party/Court of Honor on December 15th at the Nature Center. Our payment to Eagle Cave is due the following week. There will be no refund for cancellations after we send in our money.

Please contact Mr. Peterson for any additional information.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Coming up on Saturday December 19th our troop is going to be helping out the the Salvation Army by ringing the bell outside of the Crystal Lake Walgreens at the corner of Virginia and Rt. 14 from 9am-5pm!

We need at least 2 scouts and a parent for each one hour shift. You can sign up for more than an hour if you want. Instruments, singing, and bringing a radio to listen to music is okay as long as the music is holiday related.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!!!

The show must go on in any type of weather and we will be outside!

Call Brian Donovan if interested, and leave a message with your phone number at (847) 854-4726.

Mini-Klondike

We will be holding the Mini-Klondike at Camp Algonquin at the River Valley Building on December 11 - 13. Our Troop will be showing up on the 11th at 5:30pm. We will be spending that evening and the morning of the 12th getting ready for the event.

We have over 44 Webelos Scouts and 30 adults coming on the 12th at 8:45am. About ½ of the Webelos and adults will be staying over Saturday night.

We need to know how many Scouts in our Troop that will be attending for either or both nights. We also need to know how many Scouts will be camping outside Friday and Saturday night. See page 2 for schedule of events and info on the Chili Cookoff.

Mini-Klondike Chili Cookoff

For the Adults - We are holding our Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday. Please bring your favorite Chili. We will have lots of hungry people to feed. The Chili Cook-Off will be judged by our panel of experts (no - not the kids) for the following categories -

Best Overall Chili Most Unique Edible Chili Hottest Edible Chili Best Presentation Chili

Please have fun with this and enter the contest. If you don't want to enter, just bring a hot dish (casserole, stew, soup, chili, etc...) and a powerstrip or extension cord.

Mini-Klondike Schedule

Day 1 – Friday December 11 – Troop 165 Scouts Only	Day 2 – Saturday December 12	Day 3 – Sunday December 13
5:30 p.m. Arrive at Camp Algonquin	6:30 AM Breakfast	6:00 a.m. Rise and Pack up gear
Bunk assignment at River Valley	7:15 a.m. Set up Klondike Derby	7:00 a.m. Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Bunk Assignments and Building/Derby Set up	8:45 a.m. Webelos Scouts arrive and sign in at River Valley Lounge	7:30 a.m. Scouts Own Service
9:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel	9:00 AM The Games Begin!	8:00 a.m. Break Camp (clean up buildings and pack up Troop gear)
10:00 p.m. Lights out	Noon CHILI COOK OFF!	9:30 a.m. Check out and return home
The games are in a "round-robin" format where the Scouts move by Patrol/Den from area to area every 20 minutes. The Events are:	12:30 p.m. Resume activities	
Big Foot Race	2:30 p.m. Wrap Up Games and Award Ceremony	** This year the US Army National Guard will be setting up a demonstration area at the camp. They will be bringing some of their equipment to show to the Scouts. This will be very cool. We need some extra Adult help on Saturday!
Knot Identification	3:00 p.m. Troop 165 Scouts Clean Up Activity Areas	
Fire Building Race	3:30 p.m. Cooking Skills	
Obstacle Course	5:00 p.m. Dinner	
Frisbee Golf	7:00 p.m. Campfire Program	
Milk Crate Stack	10:00 p.m. Lights Out	
Saving "Jimmy"		
Log Saw Race		
Blind Tent Pitch		
US Army N Guard		

Scoutmaster Minute

It is the Holiday Season again and the winding up of 2009. Next year we will be celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Scouting in the United States. All across the country, Scout Units will be actively showing their Scout Spirit. We do that all the time in Troop 165 and it is good to now and then remember what Scouting means to all of us.

Scouting still offers fun and adventure to boys (and Adults). It is a "Live" Program. But maybe this is time, to ask ourselves, "Are we alive in Scouting?" Do we take part in all patrol and troop activities? Are we advancing on the Scouting trail? Are we trying to live by the Scout Oath and Law? In other words, are we "Live" Scouts? Or are we deadwood?

On the 15th of this month we're going to have a court of honor to recognize those Scouts who have earned advancement and shown the Scout Spirit that is required to make this troop alive and well. I hope that each one of you will be on the list to receive a rank advancement, merit badge, or other award.

Let's remind ourselves that every time that we repeat the Scout Oath, we pledge, "On my honor, I will do my best. . . ." That's a good guide for living, not just in Scouting but in everything we do.

Good Night Scouts, Mr. Dalton

Troop 165 2010 Calendar

Month	Program Feature	High Adventure Group	Patrol Outdoor/Camping Activity	Troop Outdoor/Camping Activity	DISTRICT/Council Activity	Nature Center SPs	Troop Service Projects	Special Events/Holidays	Board of Review and Courts of Honor
January	Winter Camping Trustworthy		RS Sledding R Fix Sled H Sledding C Winter Hike	Okpik Campout 8-10 Camp Lowden	Klondike Derby 23	Rams	Adopt a Hwy		
February	Wilderness Survival Loyal		RS Hiking R Bowlig H Campout C Wild SurvCO	Eagle Cave 26-28	MBOD 6, 20	Coyote	Scouting for Food		
March	Cooking Helpful		RS Movie R Volo Cars H Hiking C Bowling	eCamp 26-27 Camp Alg	MBOD 13	Hawks			CofH 30 Scouting Displays
April	Leadership Friendly				US Grant 23-25	Rattlesnakes			
May	Hiking Courteous	Nippersink Creek		Hiking Campout 21-23		Rams	Memorial Day Parade and Flags		
June	Camping Kind			Chain-O-Lakes Horseback Riding Campout 18-20		Coyote			CofH 29 Old Scouter
July	Physical Fitness Obedient			Summer Camp Camp Freiland Leslie 4-10		Hawks			
August	Canoing Cheerful	Nankogan/ St. Croix River Trip		Kishwaukee Canoe Trip 20-22		Rattlesnakes	Food Drive		CofH 31 History of Scout Oath and Law
September	Pioneering Thrifty				Air Camp 24-26	Rams			
October	Special Cooking Brave			Soap Box Derby Campout 15-17		Coyote			
November	Tracking Clean			Iron Chef Campout 12-14 Camp Alg		Hawks	Salvation Army		CoH 30 Baden Powell Lookalike Contest
December	Engineering Reverent			Mini Klondike 10-12 Camp Alg		Rattlesnakes			

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Troop Meeting Nature Center 7pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Troop Meeting Nature Center 7pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Holiday Party / Court of Honor Nature Center 7pm	16	17 OA Chapter Meeting: IronChef cooking competition	18	19 Salvation Army Bell Ringing CL Walgreens 9am-5pm
20	21	22 PLC Committee Meeting Nature Center 7pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 No Troop Meeting	30	31	Upcoming Events: 1/8-10 Okpik Campout – Winter Survival Skills – Camp Lowden 1/30 Klondike Derby – Camp Lakota, Woodstock 2/26-28 – Eagle Cave 2/27 Scouting for Food bag dropoff 2/6,20, 3/13 – District MBODS for 1 st class and up	