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# Troop 165 Today

Did you know that April will mark the beginning of the new troop year? In March we will welcome newly crossed-over Cub Scout Webelos (approximately 15) and we will re-charter our troop (fill out annual paperwork). April is also the time that the Troop Committee positions expire, so if you are interested in increasing your volunteering with the Troop, now is a great time to start.

We thought it would be good to review who the current Committee members are:

Committee Chair	Don Wallin
Treasurer	David Smith (recently took over for Doug Czerwonka)
Transportation	Michelle Weihofen
Equipment Coord	Phil Wesa
Fundraising	Mary Hillstrom
Advancements	Mike and Tansy Donovan
Medical Records	Maureen Van den Heuvel
Chaplain	Conor Dalton (recently took position)
Communications	Pat Gonyon
Registration	Mary Beth MacMeekin
Secretary	Barb Hegreberg

**Be sure to offer these and all the adult volunteers thanks for their efforts this year!**

We are looking for a few good people to join the committee in April. Our next committee meeting will be held on February 25th at 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on McHenry Avenue in Crystal Lake. Please come see us in action if you can make it!

We are excited to announce that Tansy Donovan will be taking over as Committee Chair from Don Wallin. Contact either Don [fettermann@gmail.com](mailto:fettermann@gmail.com) or Tansy (847) 854-4726 if you have any questions about volunteering.

## Scouting for Food

This spring's community service opportunity is Scouting for Food, a food collection drive benefiting the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. At the February 17th troop meeting, each scout will be given 12 paper bags with the Scouting for Food Flyer attached (scout should sign the flyer prior to distribution). Please pass these bags out to friends, family and neighbors on Saturday February 28th. On the following Saturday, March 7th between 12pm and 3 pm, the scout should pick up the bags, weigh each bag and count # of items in each bag (a box of individually wrapped items in a box would count as the number in the box not 1 item). Mark each bag with the weight and count. Then the bags should be brought to the Food Pantry at 257 King Street in Crystal Lake (across from Taco Bell on Rt 14 behind the gas station). Scouts are needed to stay and help sort the items. This is a great way to help our community and earn service hours for rank advancement.

Questions?? Contact Tansy Donovan at (847) 854-4726.

We need some volunteers to help out with a new fundraiser for the spring. We hope to raise monies to help families pay for summer camp, the high adventure trip to Sylvania Wilderness and...

BSA has introduced a new uniform for the youth and adults. We are asking the new scouts that are joining to buy the uniform, basically the same cost as the old one, and it would be great to provide the older scouts an opportunity reduce their expense in purchasing a new uniform if they want.



## Sycamore District Klondike



About 20 scouts from our troop came and had lots of fun at this year's Sycamore District Klondike. The weather was the warmest of the winter and the boys had time to sled and have snowball fights along with participating in the Klondike activities (pictured are the Rams and Coyotes).

## Upcoming Events

### Lowden in February

The Winter Campout will be held February 13-14 at Camp Lowden. More info to follow.

### Eagle Cave in March

Just received confirmation and costs for the Eagle Cave Trip the weekend of March 27th. The cost per person is \$55. This covers all meals and fees. We have 30 spots available for the campout. Please have your money and signed permission slip in no later than February 24th.

The cave has several large rooms and passageways. It is called Wisconsin's largest onyx cave which tells a bit about the size and formations of Wisconsin caves. The cave is still entered through the original entrance, but it is left through a second entrance in a quarry. The cave is a very popular place for boy (and girl) scouts and camping activities. A special feature is sleeping in the cave. The cave is not really cold, but it is damp. First, we stake our claim in our assigned area of the cave. There are no tents; we sleep right on the cave floor, which can either be solid rock or in some places a fine gravel. An air mattress or a cot along with plastic for protection is a really good idea. After breakfast on Saturday, Scouts will have time to explore the cave. There are lots and lots of places to crawl into and out of. It's a blast. Also, outside, there are many hiking trails and compass courses. Older scouts will be arranging for training of the younger scouts during this time. In the past, at night, there has been a Night Hike on the Gold Nugget Trail followed by a huge bonfire.

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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>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Troop Meeting 7pm Nature Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Jonathan Czerwonka Eagle COH, Nature Center, 6pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Troop Meeting 7pm Nature Center	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Winter Camping Camp Lowden	<b>14</b> Winter Camping Camp Lowden
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Troop Meeting Scouting for Food presentation 7pm Nature Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Turn in \$\$ for Eagle Cave	<b>24</b> PLC 7pm Nature Center	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b>            March – Newly bridged Webelos start joining us for Troop Meetings            3/15 Patrick Morrison Eagle COH            3/27 Eagle Cave            3/31 Court of Honor, 2009-2010 Troop Kickoff Extravaganza            April – Spring Fundraiser Starts            4/24 Lincoln Pilgrimage            5/8 Marengo Ridge Leave No Trace Campout</p>						