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FYI...The next Troop Committee Meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2010 @ 7pm at the Nature Center. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Our Scouts collected \$608.92.

It's Rechartering time

This means that any new scouts will need to fill out a registration for for BSA by March 9th. Mary Beth MacMeekin will come to the February Troop meetings to complete this process. All new youths must register; new adults in the troop who plan to volunteer for leadership positions may register at this time as well.. Information on dues and deadlines for existing scouts will be coming in the March Newsletter. If you have any questions, contact Mary Beth at mamacmeek@aol.com.

Sign-up to attend a District Roundtable. We need to send an adult representative for the troop each month. Anyone can attend a Roundtable. It meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock.

Mulch Mania is Coming!!

Due to the success of last year's Mulch Fundraiser, we will again be selling and installing mulch. The mulch will again be offered in yard increments and be available for either pickup or delivery with the option of having the mulch spread at an additional cost. Last year we took orders beginning in March and had 4 delivery/installation Saturdays starting at the end of April and going thru May. Depending on the demand we will consider extending the project into June.

This year, Pat Gonyon will be coordinating the fundraiser. We will need boys to sell and/or work delivery and parents to help with delivery and supervision. Please let Pat know if you have any of the following to volunteer:

- Time to help supervise
- A tow vehicle to offer and/or drive
- A trailer or pickup that can haul mulch
- Scout wanting to help install mulch

Email Pat at gnyn90@sbcglobal.net if you can help!

Scoutmaster Minute

On February 8, 2010 we celebrate Scouting's 100 year birthday. There are a lot of versions to the legend of how Scouting started in the US but they all have to do with WD Boyce and Scout in England that did a good turn.

As the story goes Boyce was lost on a foggy street in London in 1909 when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was a Boy Scout and was merely doing his daily good turn. Soon thereafter, Boyce met with General Baden-Powell, who was Chief Scout at the time. Boyce returned to America, and, four months later, founded the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910.

Whether it happened just this way isn't important. What is important is the power of "Do A Good Turn Daily". The act of serving others, no matter how small it may seem at the time can have far reaching effects. Just think of all the hours of service done over the last 100 years, the lessons learned and the lives saved. The impact of that one simple act has literally changed the world.

So...have you done your "Good Turn" today?

Good Night Scouts, Mr. Dalton

Event Recap

Ice Fishing Derby



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News

Advancement News!

In December, 18 scouts earned 24 awards and the Troop completed 2 Eagle Board of Reviews. Matt Tunnicliffe passed his Board of Review and will have his Court of Honor at the Nature Center on 3/13 at 4:30 pm.

Silver Beaver Award

Congratulations to our awesome Scoutmaster Bob Dalton on his receiving of the Silver Beaver Award. *The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.*

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The award will be presented to Bob at the Council Award Dinner on Sunday March 14th.

His nomination, submitted to the Council by one of his scouting peers, details his many accomplishments and examples of his lifelong dedication to scouting. This excerpt from the application sums we all feel about him and is part of how this recognition by the Boy Scouts of America came to be:

*He tells new parents coming into the Troop, "All I ever wanted to be is a Scoutmaster."
He has an uncanny way of working with young men that brings the most out of them.*

He is a fantastic example for all of us. We are proud of this recognition by the Council.

Upcoming Events

District Merit Badge Opportunity Days (MBODs) are being held in February and March at Sage Products in Cary, IL - Jim Mudra is in need of adult volunteers to supervise scouts, help counselors etc. The MBODs are from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm on 2/6 and 8:45 am – 2:30 pm on 2/20 and 3/13. Please Contact Jim at jmudra1@covad.net if you can help.

Calendar of OA events 2010

February Chapter Meeting: YMCA
Lock-in
March Chapter Meeting: Bowling
April Chapter Meeting: Archery
May Chapter Meeting: Service Project
June 4-6, 2010: Wulapeju Lodge
Spring Fellowship
August 13-15, 2010: Wulapeju Lodge
Fall Condave
August 29, 2010: Extreme Service
Project

Eagle Cave Trip

Come get damp and muddy at the camping trip to Eagle Cave on March 27th-28th. We will only be staying one night at Eagle Cave this year. The Troop will leave the Nature Center at 6:00 am on Saturday and return between 1 pm and 2 pm on Sunday. The cost is \$45. Scouts will be eating in a dining hall and sleeping in the caves. It is recommended they bring a tarp, headlamp and old clothes (no uniforms). Cots are optional. You will get dirty! Brent Peterson could use a few more adult volunteers. Email him at brentpeterson@motorola.com if you can help.

Scouting for Food Service Project

Scouts will be provided with 12 empty grocery bags to give to family, friends and neighbors. Scouts should add their name and troop number to the flyer attached to the bag and distribute the bags to friends and neighbors on March 27th. Bags can be dropped off earlier if you will be at Eagle Cave. Bags should be filled with non-perishable groceries. Items that are individually wrapped (ie. granola bars, tea bags) will be counted by the item, not the box. For example, we can get credit for 100 items for a box of tea bags!

Scouts should go back and pickup the bags on Saturday March 6th in the morning. They should then bring filled bags to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry from 1-4 pm. Scouts should also label the bags with the total number of food items collected and the weight of each bags. Scouts are welcome to stay and help sort the food for extra service hours. The food pantry is located at 257 King Street, Crystal Lake (Rte. 14 across from Water Tower).