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Troop 165 Today

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Reminder: All Order of the Arrow members need to pay their 2008 dues. See Mr. Mawdsley for the registration form.



Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

The Order was founded by E. Urner Goodman in 1915, while he was the camp director of Treasure Island Scout Camp in Pennsylvania. His vision was to form a camp society that recognized Scouts who were especially helpful and good leaders and examples to their fellow Scouts. The Order grew; forming new lodges across the country, and in 1948 was officially recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

Scouts are elected to the Order by the members of their Troop, following approval by the Scoutmaster. To be-



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come eligible to be on the ballot, a Scout must hold the First Class rank and the Scout must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp, like Summer Camp. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.

Troop 165 will hold its annual



OA badge of the most recently elected OA member of Troop 165—Patrick Brady—See Scout Spotlight on page 3

Order of the Arrow on January 22. Order of the Arrow members from another Troop will be attending our meeting that night to conduct the election. This is not like an election for leadership positions; campaigning for votes is strictly prohibited, and will result in being removed from the ballot. When voting, Scouts can vote for as

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Upcoming Events

12/4, 7pm

Patrol Meeting, 7pm

Nature Center

Rattlesnakes setup/cleanup

12/7-8

**Mini Klondike/Cabin
Camping**

Leave Nature Center at

5:30 pm Friday, return

5:30 pm Saturday,

**Camp Ohda-Ko-Da, Bur-
lington Wi—5th grade We-
belos welcome;**

Bring warm gear for cabin
camping and all day outside

12/11, 7pm

**Patrol Meeting, Board
of Review**

Nature Center

Coyotes setup/cleanup

**12/15, 2-4 pm and 6-8
pm**

**Patrol Bell Ringing for
Salvation Army,
Crystal Lake Walmart and
Sams**

Call Brian Donovan to vol-
unteer for a shift

12/16, 1 pm

**Eagle Court of Honor
Danny and Robbie**

Curtis

Nature Center

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Events

November Campout at Lowden By Mr. Wesa

The November Campout was a great time. We learned how to cook on a camp fire, in a cardboard box oven, on a camp stove and practiced the use of our Duty Roster. The boys learned that the Duty Roster was their friend. It spelled out who was cooking and cleaning and best of all who was not!! The boys played football with a troop they met. I think they both won the game. We kept our campfire burning from breakfast until we went

to bed. A great time was had by all. Thanks scouts for a great weekend!

PS. The Coyote's howling was very cool and the deer running through the camp was nice too!

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January Sycamore District Klondike

In a Klondike Derby, Scout patrols acting as huskies pull specially designed homemade sleds around a field course marked by stations named for towns or cities, such as Dawson or Fairbanks. At each town the Scouts tackle exercises in problem solving, as well as contests and other activities.

Just before the turn of the last century, gold prospectors traveled the sub-zero reaches of Alaska by means of dogs and sleds. They camped out in all kinds of winter weather, and therefore needed adequate survival skills, which they learned from the native Eskimos. Scouting has incorporated this theme in the Klondike Derby.



The point of a Klondike Derby is to make Scouts use their heads, to put their Scouting skills to work in the field, to demonstrate teamwork and Scout spirit, and to have fun outdoors on winter days.

The events from the Mini-Klondike may be repeated (Milk Crate Stack, Isotope Transfer, Log Saw, Bigfoot Relay, Save Jimmy, Blind Tent Race, Fire Building Race, Obstacle Course, Iditarod Sled Race, Compass Course, Frisbee Golf and Denali Kim's Game), but it will most certainly be a fun, cold time, so dress warmly!

When: Saturday January 26th, 7 am

Where: McHenry Township Park, McHenry, IL

December Event – Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

We need 16 good scouts (and a few parents) to volunteer to ring the Christmas bell in this traditional Red Kettle Campaign for the Salvation Army. This good work enables the Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.



When: Saturday December 12th, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm

Where: Crystal Lake Walmart and Sams (2 scouts with adult supervision per hour at each location)

What: Call Brian Donovan at (847) 854-4726 to help out!

Scout Spotlight – Patrick Brady

When did you join Scouting? In 1st Grade as a Tiger

Why did you join? I always liked the outdoors and camping

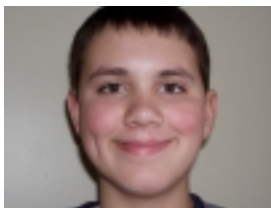
What do you love best about scouting? Being with my dad and being outdoors

Troop Position? Coyote Patrol Leader

What grade are you in? 8th

What is your greatest scouting achievement? Getting elected to the Order of the Arrow this year and being inducted at Summer Camp.

What advice do you have for young scouts? Have fun, but remember that going for your eagle is important because it is the greatest honor in scouting.



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many Scouts on the ballot as they think are worthy of membership in the Order of the Arrow. Scouts should vote for eligible Scouts that have demonstrated that they serve others, willingly helping out without being asked, and cheerfully take on responsibility or leadership. This is a secret ballot, and Scouts should not reveal to anyone who they have voted for.

In order to have a successful election, we will need as many Scouts as possible to attend the meeting on January 22 and participate in the election process.

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12/18, 7pm
Holiday Party/Court of Honor

Nature Center

Scouts who wish to participate in gift exchange, bring a \$1 value wrapped gift; families welcome; calls will be made requesting families to bring food items

1/8, 7pm

Patrol Meeting/Klondike Planning

Nature Center

Hawks setup/cleanup

1/15, 7pm

Patrol Meeting

Nature Center

Rams setup/cleanup

1/22, 7pm

Patrol Meeting/OA Election

Nature Center

Rattlesnakes setup/cleanup

Eagle News

Congratulations !!!

Preliminary congratulations to Kurt Moehling who has completed his Eagle Project and should be ready for his court of honor soon.

Scoutmaster Minute

Dear Scouts and Families -

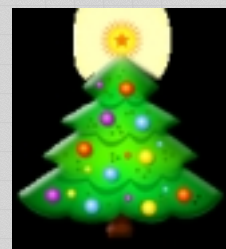
Christmas and Hanukkah are, for most people, the most joyful holidays of the year. The holiday parties, the exchange of



gifts, and the brilliant lights of the Christmas trees make most people think of family and friends.

Unfortunately sometimes we forget that these holidays are really religious festivals. We should all remember to take time to remember that the real holiday spirit is cast by the Star of Bethlehem and the Hanukkah candles, reminding us of the miracles in times past. In the 12th point of the Scout Law we say that a Scout is reverent. That doesn't mean that we have to go around all the time with a long face or with hands folded in prayer. It means that we do our duty to God, which includes doing things for

God's other creatures. We have the opportunity to do that on the 15th with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, or by helping a neighbor shovel their sidewalk, or by any other simple act of kindness. This time of year, and really all year long, we need to look beyond ourselves and serve those around us. I am grateful for each one of you, for the life you live, for the way you serve others and the way each and every one of you apply the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. May you have a wonderful Holiday Season and may 2008 be a great year for all of us.



Yours in Scouting,
Bob Dalton

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