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Troop 165 Today

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth leaders of the BSA with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

This leadership training experience is for current and future boy leaders within the troop. They will learn how to communicate better with both youth and adults, learn how to set goals and how to carry them out so they can be achieved, learn self-confidence, team work, how to teach skills to others, and more.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must *BE*, what he must *KNOW*, and what he must *DO*. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on *HOW TO*. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Learning.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

Date: June 14-20, 2009

Participation requirements:

1. At least 13 years of age and completed the seventh grade by the date of the course.
2. A First Class Scout or higher.
3. Be in a leadership position or likely to be in one in the near future.
4. Has outdoor skills in hiking, camping, and cooking. The training course is conducted in the camp setting.
5. Scoutmaster's approval.

There are no exceptions to the age and rank requirement. Experience has shown that Scouts younger than 13 often lack the physical and emotional maturity to benefit fully in the NYLT experience. Scouts who have not earned the First Class rank do not have the Scouting background to fulfill their roles as members of their NYLT patrol and troop.

Information and registration form for NYLT will be available at roundtables, the council service center, and on the council Web site.

2009 Troop Calendar

On page 4, you will find the 2009 Troop 165 Calendar. We are still finalizing dates for some of the activities but the "skeleton" is there. Some of the changes to this year's calendar -

1. The Patrol Leaders put together a 3 month plan for Patrol level activities. Each month at the PLC, they will plan another activity - three months out.
2. Every third Tuesday will include a cooking demonstration to give the Scouts some ideas for Troop/Patrol Camp-outs
3. On the months that there are five Tuesday's, the extra Tuesday will be a Troop Court of Honor (this information isn't new this year but should be repeated)
4. The Calendar shows activities that the HAG's (High Adventure Group - Scouts 13 and older) will be participating in this year.

District Klondike

Don't forget our Sycamore District Klondike Derby will be held on January 31st at McHenry Township Park in McHenry. Events include Snow Shoe Race, Nuclear Transport, Snow Snake Throw, Frisbee Golf, Fire Building, Big Foot, Knots & Rescue, First Aid, Sled Judging, Obstacle Course, Saw Cut, Blind Tent Set Up, Compass Game, Milk Crate Stacking and Downhill Sled Race. The day begins at 8:45 am.



Mini Klondike Recap

We had 39 Webelos from 7 different packs visit our event. The response was very positive and we hope that it will bring some new recruits.



National Jamboree Update

A century of the finest outdoor and leadership experience a boy could have! This tradition lives on at the pinnacle of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting – The 2010 National Jamboree.

Yesterday merges with tomorrow at the greatest Scouting event of the century. It is the opportunity of a lifetime, one you will never forget. **DON'T MISS OUT** on this special moment in time. Be one of the 40,000 Scouts in celebration of the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary.

The National Boy Scout Jamboree is a national encampment that brings Boys Scouts and leaders from all over the United States, along with visiting Scouts from many other countries. The 2010 National Jamboree will be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, from July 26 to August 4, 2010.

Rallies are Coming

To learn more about the 2010 National Jamboree, information rallies will be held throughout the council:

- January 4, 2009 – 2-4 pm – Winnebago High School, Winnebago, IL
- January 7, 2009 – 7:30 pm – Arrowhead District Roundtable, Darlington Elementary School, Darlington, WI
- January 8, 2009 – 7:00 pm – Sycamore District Roundtable, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Crystal Lake

Attend the rally closest to you. Past participants will be there to tell you about the Jamboree experience.

Looking for More Information? Check the official National Jamboree Web site at www.bsajamboree.org.

Boy Scout Qualifications:

- Be at least a First Class Scout.
- Have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, and have not reached his 18th birthday by August 3, 2010.
- Have been active in the troop for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010.
- Be approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Be approved by the local Jamboree committee.

Choose a Door

Troop, with the New Year already here, I thought this was appropriate—Imagine a man walking down a corridor.

At intervals along the floor of the corridor are keys. The man stops to pick some up keys and leaves others. Maybe he cannot hold all of the keys. Perhaps he is lazy and does not choose to pick up a particular key.

He comes to a large room with many doors. Each door can be unlocked with a key. A few doors are already open. The man looks at the doors and reads the signs on them. Some of the doors are very attractive. Some hold no interest for him. Unfortunately, a few of the very attractive doors require keys that he did not pick up, and he cannot open the doors.

The keys are opportunities. The corridor is your life. The room is a cusp (where you have to make a choice) in your life. The doors are goals or rewards.

If you do not grab the opportunities as you travel through life, you will not be able to unlock the door to your goal or reward.

Get good grades NOW!! so that doors remain open for you for scholarships and college.

Advance NOW!! So that you can finish your Eagle requirements before life throws roadblocks in your path.

Exercise NOW!! So that you will have a better opportunity to make the team next season.

Pick up the keys NOW!! So that you can open the doors when you want to or have to make a choice.

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Scoutmaster Dalton

Eagle Spotlight Patrick Morrison

When did you start scouting? In 1st grade my friend Nathan Byrne asked me to come along and visit his Pack. I met Kurt Moehling, Chris Vranek and Pat Ibbotson there. I met my life long friends that day.

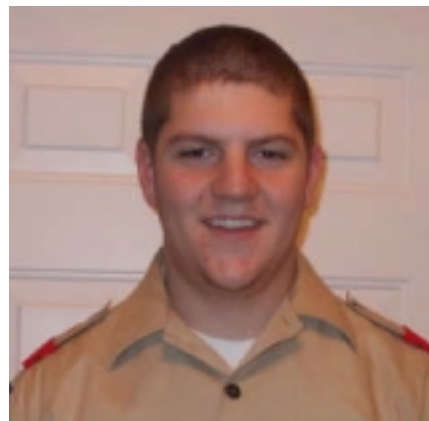
What was your eagle project? Building gallery benches for the Lakeside Legacy Arts Park, Dole Mansion Art Gallery. I planned out and lead the project to build 3 gallery benches. I picked cedar for the wood because of the strength and durability. I found templates for making the benches on-line. The design would allow 2 people to sit back-to-back. The benches are 5 feet long and 2½ feet wide. They are sanded smooth and painted black lacquer.

Why did you choose the project? Someone recommended calling the Dole Mansion about building a handicap ramp. That project was already taken but they asked if I would build these benches. It sounded like something they really wanted done. This project met the Eagle project requirements. I wanted my Eagle project to be something that would be used for a very long time, and something that I could do with the skills I have.

What was the hardest part of the project? Probably finding the place to build the benches. We tried to use our garage, but it was not large enough and it was very cold Winter weather. The Dole Mansion let us build them in the actual room where they are being used.

What did you learn the most from the project? That teamwork is very important. Always be on top of things. Don't slack off. Be prepared and plan out everything.

What advice do you have for younger scouts? Stick with scouting and don't give up. If you think about quitting, DON'T. Stick it out because the road to getting my Eagle was a great life lesson. Finishing something makes you feel great about what you've done. And now I am finding out how impressive the rank of Eagle is to colleges!



Troop 165 2009 Calendar

Month	Program Feature	High Adventure Group	Patrol Outdoor/Camping Activity	Troop Outdoor/Camping Activity	Responsible PLC Scout	Special Meeting Features	O/A Activities	District/ Council Activity	Service Projects	Special Events/Holidays	Boards of Review and Courts of Honor
January	Winter Camping		R - Sled fix RS-Roller B C - Stedding H - Stedding	Klondike Derby Jan 31 X	Jack Jablonsky	3rd TM each month Cooking Demo	OA Elections	Klondike Derby Jan 31 X			
February	Cooking	Discover Scuba at Sea Level Dive	R - Bowling RS-Steading C - Roller B H - Winter C	Winter Camp at Camp Lowden Feb 13-15	Dale Wesa				Council Scouting for Food		
March	Wilderness First Aid		R - Hike NC RS - Hike NC C - Hike at H H - Bowling	Eagle Cave or YMCA Lock-In March 27-28	Kevin Dalton	Troop Gear Cleanup		VLSC Main and Kable 20-22			BoFR 17th Court of Honor March 31
April	Hiking	COPE @ Stronghold	R - RS - C - H -	Lincoln Pilgrimage April 24-26	Max Hopkins	Troop MBOD 1&2		Lincoln Pilgrimage	Service Project at Camp Algonquin		
May	Leave No Trace		R - RS - C - H -	LNT at Marengo Ridge	David Smith	Troop MBOD 3			Memorial Day Flag Project	Memorial Day Parade	
June	Backpacking/Camping	Kettle Moraine Hike and Campout	R - RS - C - H -	Bike Hike down the Fox Trail Camp at Voyageurs Landing	Matt Gonyon		Spring Fellowship				BoFR 16th Court of Honor June 30th
July	Aquatics (Sailing/Canoeing)		R - RS - C - H -	Summer Camp Tomahawk July 4-11	Mark Hegreberg				Clean the Nature Center	July 4th Parade	
August	Pioneering	Sylvania Wilderness Canoe Trip	R - RS - C - H -	Devil's Lake Sailing 7/1-8/2 X*	Brian Donovan	Clean Troop Gear	Fall Conclave				
September	Orienteering	Nipise sink Creek/Canoe Trip	R - RS - C - H -	Chain-O-Lakes HB Riding	Matt Mudra				Clean the Nature Center Trails	TYLT @ Camp Algonquin 11-12 X**	BoFR 15th Court of Honor September 29th
October	Forestry		R - RS - C - H -	District Camp-O-See X	Brian Mudra	Get Sall boats and storage units ready for winter		District Camp-O-See		Halloween Party	
November	Communications	Northwall Lock-in	R - RS - C - H -	eCamp at Camp Algonquin 6-7 X**	Eric Mudra				Salvation Army Hand out Food	Veterans Dinner	
December	Engineering		R - RS - C - H -	Mini Klondike at Camp Algonquin 11-13X**	Evan Czarnik				Salvation Army Ring the Bell	Holiday Party December 15	BoFR 2nd Court of Honor December 15
Notes	<p>X - Reservation is not required until information is provided at District Roundtable (typically a month or two prior to event) X* - Reservation has been made and fee has been paid - require fee to be paid for confirmation X** - Reservation has been made but fee has not been paid - require fee to be paid for confirmation Blank spaces - Either too early to make reservations or still need to be done - will continue to follow up with Lead Youth Leader and ASM's ? - Still need to assign - Keeping room for additional ASM and new PLC at March Election.</p>										

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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	2	3
4	5	6 Troop Meeting Sled Repair 7pm Nature Center	7	8 Jamboree Rally Sycamore Dist Roundtable, 7pm St. Eliz. Ann Seton, CL	9	10
11	12	13 Troop Meeting Parent Meeting, Court of Honor 7pm Nature Center	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Troop Meeting OA Elections 7pm Nature Center	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 P L C 7pm, Nature Center	28	29	30	31 Syc. Dist. Klondike 8 am, McHenry Township Park

UPCOMING EVENTS:
 Winter Camp at Camp Lowden Feb 13-15
 Eagle Cave March 27-28
 Lincoln Pilgrimage April 24-25
 Summer Camp, Tomahawk, July 4-11