

March 2009

Volume 1, Issue 13

# Troop 165 Today

## Inside this issue:

Troop Events	2
Scoutmaster Minute, Eagle Spotlight	3
January Calendar	4



## Mulch Mania

Information on our spring fundraisers will be presented at the Troop Year Kickoff Extravaganza. The scouts will have a lot of expenses this year, including summer camp, the high adventure camp, the new scout uniform, so we are adding a special fundraiser for the spring to help defray these expenses during these difficult economic times. . . MULCH MANIA !!!

We will be selling yards of mulch to our friends and neighbors and offering delivery and installation (we will also offer a pickup option for purchased mulch) in April and May. If every scout can sell mulch to 4 families and help as the laborers in installing the mulch, we can reach our goal of fundraising \$12,000. That would pay for summer camp for 40 boys and new uniforms to replace the existing old ones. Any additional profit could be used to buy new tents and equipment.

The mulch will be coming from a generous friend of our troop who sells the mulch to landscapers. It is high quality, clean hardwood mulch recycled from pallets.

Our mulch master is going to be Gene Duffy. Gene will coordinate the delivery and installation. Thanks much to Gene for taking this project on. Parent help will also be needed on the delivery end of the project, supervising the boys. The installation schedule and more information will come out with the mulch sale flyer at the Extravaganza.

**Start talking to friends now so that they can plan on giving their mulch dollars to us instead of the expensive landscapers and garden centers!**

## Don't forget about getting your physicals!

Make your doctor appointments now and get your scout's physicals done. There is just 1 form now and school physical forms are not accepted. Go to [www.bsatroop165.org](http://www.bsatroop165.org) to get the current medical form. The form is good for 1 year.

For National High Adventure programs such as Canoe Base, Philmont, Seabase or the National Jamboree, there are specific medical forms that must be used. Your Crew Advisors will provide these, if you are participating in those activities.

## March Court of Honor... Troop Year Kickoff Extravaganza

The March 31<sup>st</sup> Court of Honor is also our Troop Year Kickoff Meeting. Don't miss the fun. We have lots of new families joining the troop, so this will be our first opportunity for everyone to meet each other.

## Why do we need new uniforms??

The Boy Scouts of America is updating its uniform in time for its centennial celebration in 2010. The updated Centennial Uniform is the first major change in the uniform since 1979, when Oscar de la Renta was commissioned by the BSA to design them. The new uniforms are still tan, but are made of a fabric that dries more quickly.

Thanks to the Czerwonkas for donating a large camp stove to the troop!

### National Jamboree Update

Blackhawk Area Council has secured two provisional troops for the 2010 National Jamboree. This is truly a once in a lifetime event celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,000 that includes touring Washington D.C. all airfare, all food, and troop equipment. There are 10 spots left for boys and we need 1 more adult (aged 18 and up) to go. Let Mr. Dalton know if you are interested in this great opportunity. For more information, see [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

### Fundraising and Scout Accounts:

Did you know that a portion of each scouts profits in their fundraising efforts (Popcorn, Countryside and Donut sales) goes into an account that is available to them for spending on scouting expenses?? Here is the breakdown of how the division of profits is made (note that families with more than 1 boy in our troop are combined when looking at the amount of profit):

<u>Amount of Profit</u>	<u>Amount to Scout Account</u>	<u>Amount to Troop</u>
Up to \$100	50% of profit	50% of profit
Over \$100 and up to \$175	60% of profit	40% of profit
Over \$175	70% of profit	30% of profit

So for example if (pretend scouts) brothers Jim and Joe Smith work really hard at the fundraiser and Jim made \$100 profit and Joe made \$100 in profit, then they would be in the last category of over \$175 in profit. Jim and Joe would each get \$70 in their scout account and the troop would get a total of \$60 for troop expenses.

**We are looking to buy a good used trailer for the troop. We also will need to re-roof the storage building that we use sometime this year. Two more reasons we need our fundraising to be successful!**

### Dues

It's time for annual troop registration to happen. Each Scout will have to pay \$75 (with reduced rates for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> scouts in a family). Dues do not include Boys Life Magazine (\$12 per year)

Each adult volunteer needs to fill out an adult registration form (no dues required). Also, there are no dues to join the Venture Crew once you pay your troop dues. Mr. Swift, our treasurer, will be providing scouts with information on their scout account in March.

We have some surplus popcorn from the fundraiser to sell. Look for it at the Court of Honor Kickoff Extravaganza

### Transportation Info Needed

Michelle Weihofen, our transportation coordinator, needs to update her records. When we have to travel as group to a camp, several pieces of information are needed. Anyone who will be driving boys need to provide info on their vehicle and insurance to Michelle. Any adult volunteers need to keep their training records up to date with Michelle as well.

## Scoutmaster Minute

About a week ago I was flying from Chicago to Winnipeg. In the seat pocket in front of me someone had left a copy of The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch. Since I had heard of the book but had never read it, I opened it up and read his story. If you get the chance, I would recommend the book to anyone, youth or adult. I finished it before we touched down in Canada. He even wrote some cool stuff about Eagle Scouts.

There were so many parts that really touched my heart but I wanted to share this one section as my Scoutmaster's Minute this month. It really fits with the first point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Trustworthy". Here it is:

"If I could only give three words of advice, they would be "tell the truth". If I got three more words, I'd add: "All the time". My parents taught me that "you're only as good as your word", and there's no better way to say it."

"Honesty is not only morally right, it's also efficient. In a culture where everyone tells the truth, you can save a lot time double-checking. When I taught at the University of Virginia, I loved the honor code. If a student was sick and needed a makeup exam, I didn't need to create a new one. The student just "pledged" that he hadn't talked with anybody about the exam, and I gave the old one."

"People lie for lots of reasons, often because it seems like a way to get what they want with less effort. But like many short-term strategies, it's ineffective long term. You run into people again later, and they remember you lied to them. And they tell lots of other people about it. That's what amazes me about lying. Most people who have told a lie think they got away with it...when in fact, they didn't."

I like the simplicity of the Scout Law...A Scout is Trustworthy.

Good night Scouts.

*Scoutmaster Dalton*

---

### Welcome to our new scouts:

Jimmy McDonnell	Danny Wolke	Tommy Schmitz
Steven Peterson	AJ Boesen	Ethan Breyn
Joey Russel	Matthew Weyna	Billy Rotermund
Rocky Greenwell	Carter Haupt	Vincent Isacson
Joe Martino	Marshall Kondrat	Danny Schaschwary
Robert Olson	Reese Sadowski	Adam Donovan
Sean Rochford	Drew Eschweiler	Matthew Waters

We would also like to welcome Nathan Phillips. He is transferring from another local Troop.

# BSA Troop 165

# March 2009

<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>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Troop Meeting 7pm Nature Center	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Patrick Morrison Eagle Court of Honor Nature Center, 1:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Troop Meeting – Dues Due 7pm Nature Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> QA Climbing at Northwall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> PLC/Eagle Cave Backpack Insp. 7pm Nature Center	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Eagle Cave	<b>28</b> Eagle Cave
<b>29</b> Eagle Cave	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Court of Honor / Troop Kickoff Extravaganza, 7pm Nature Center	<b>Apr 1</b> Committee Meeting at St. EAS Church, Crystal Lake 7pm	<b>Upcoming Events:</b> 4/24 Lincoln Pilgrimage 5/8 Marengo Ridge Leave No Trace Campout 6/5-7 OA Spring Fellowship		