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

Mulch Madness begins soon

Look for information coming in March on our mulch fundraiser. Just like last year, the Troop is partnering with a high-quality mulch supplier to deliver and spread mulch while earning money for the Troop 165 Summer Camps. 5 mulch dates have been selected (4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5 and 6/19) and each scout can sign up customers to provide mulch at reasonable prices. The mulch can be picked-up, delivered, or delivered and spread by Troop 165 scouts!

- **\$30/cubic yard** (Pick-up)
- **\$40/cubic yard** (Delivered – minimum 5 yards)
- **\$50/cubic yard** (Delivered and spread – minimum 5 yards)

Eagle News

We just received back from National the following Eagle packets:

Brad Hyland
Mark Lesser
Grayson Randall

Congrats to the newest Eagles of Troop 165

Lehi Roller Mills Fundraiser

Orders and money due on Tuesday, Mar. 2nd.

Popcorn Fundraiser Update

We have the final numbers! Our total sales were \$5872. Our profit was \$2208 of which \$1,175 went into individual Scout accounts and \$1,033 went to the troop. See Page 4 for an explanation on scout accounts and division of profit.

Scoutmaster Minute

It won't be long now before we'll be adding several new Scouts to this troop - the Webelos Scouts who will be graduating from Cub Scouting. It goes without saying that I expect you Scouts to give them a warm welcome. How you treat them during their first couple of meetings and outings with us will determine how they feel about the troop.

Remember that they are young kids. Some of you will look like giants to them and if they are a little timid, they are going to be a bit afraid of you. So I would like all of you - and especially you older Scouts - to go out of your way to help the new kids. Perhaps each of you could be a buddy to one of the new Scouts to get them started right in Scouting.

If you can remember your days as a Webelos, you'll remember that Webelos means "We'll be loyal Scouts". I'm sure the graduating Webelos Scouts will be loyal to our troop. But loyalty is a two-way street. Our troop has to be loyal to them, too. - to make the promises of Scouting fun and adventure come true for them as well as for older Scouts. Let's all remember that and give a warm welcome when our new Scouts join.

Good Night Scouts, Mr. Dalton

Event Recap

Eagle Cave Recap

There were 13 boys who braved the damp, dark confines of Eagle Cave on February 27 and 28. Troop 165 was camping in the back of the cave this year and avoided the cold and lighted area near the cave entrance (that was reserved for a couple of groups of girls). The boys spent the day getting dirty and exploring the different tunnels and passageways of the cave. There was never a shortage of food and some of the boys typically had seconds.

On Saturday evening, Kyle Kochaney had a rock-ceiling jump out and bite him. A couple of hours later and a brief trip to the local health care facility, he was able to come back and join the rest of the troop for the night. While Kyle was visiting with the locals, Elliot Wesa and Steven Peterson were demonstrating their Bingo talents for all to see.

In all, the boys had a very good time and no one was worse for the wear. The talented team of adults on the trip were also able to return in time to see the USA lose to the Canadians in the Olympic hockey finals.

Upcoming Events

OA Upcoming Dates:

- March 2: Troop OA election, wear your sash.
- March 13: Chapter Meeting, bowling
- April 15: Chapter Meeting, archery at Cimmeron Archery in Richmond.
- April 30-May 2: Section Conclave at Great Lakes Naval Base
- May 20: Chapter Service Project
- June 4-6: Wulapeju Lodge Spring Fellowship.
- August 13-15: Wulapeju Lodge Fall Conclave
- August 28: Blackhawk Area Council Extreme Service Projects

Scouting for Food

Don't forget that Saturday, March 6, 2010 is the Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up date. Remember to get a total weight and item number count (if things are individually wrapped like a box of granola bars counts as 10 items. Also count every toilet paper and paper towel roll). Bring all your bags to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, 257 King St. in Crystal Lake between 1:00-4:00pm. Stay and sort the food you brought if you can.

MBODs

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

Crew 165 Sledding and Tailgate Party

Come out and sled at the Nature Center Sledding Hill on Wednesday March 3rd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Any scout over the age of 14 or friend over the age of 14 can come. Bring your own sled. Hot dogs and soda pop will be provided. Contact Mr. Dalton or Mr. Condon if you have any questions.

eCamp

It's that time again for our annual eCamp where the Scouts can actually bring electronics and movies to a campout! This year's event will be at Camp Algonquin again on March 26th & 27th. Our standard rules apply where electronic games must be "E" rated and movies no higher than PG. We will also include a service project at the Camp to help prepare them for the spring and for being such a generous partner. Permission slips and checks will be due by March 15th. If you have any questions, please contact ASM Mike Czarnik at mczarnik@prodigy.net

News

OA News

There are many exciting events coming up for the OA! For all the details, see www.wulapeju140.org

March Chapter Meeting: March 13 is the next chapter meeting. We'll be bowling at 3-D Bowl (Robert Rd & Route 176) in Island Lake starting at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 for 2 hours of bowling including shoes. Matt Tunnicliff's Eagle Ceremony starts at 4:30, so you can go to both if you want!

2010 Lodge Dues: If you haven't paid your 2010 dues, please do so. They are \$13. The form is located at http://www.wulapeju140.org/foms/OA_Dues_2010.pdf

2010 Section Conclave: In a change this year, the Section Conclave will be in the spring, not the fall. It will be April 30-May 2 at Great Lakes Naval Base. The Section Conclave is an opportunity for lodges from all over northern Illinois to come together for training, fellowship, and fun! Kishwaukee chapter has promised 20 members to be there. \$25 for youth, \$30 for adults.

Vigil Honor Nominations: The lodges are now taking nominations for the Vigil Honor. If you know a Scout or Scouter who has been a Brotherhood member for over 2 years and has given exceptional service to Scouting, you can nominate someone.

Leadership Opportunities: The lodge is looking for a youth chairman for the Ceremonies Committee and the Website Committee. Let me know if you are interested in helping out!

Troop OA election: Our Troop's OA election is ready to go for March 2, 2010. Please plan on attending and participating. In addition, we may be asked to help out with other troops' elections, so please be prepared to help out with those if we are asked.

Advancement News

The Committee voted at the last Committee Meeting to make the following changes in advancements:

- The deadline for turning in blue merit badge cards for recognition at a Court of Honor will be one week before the Court of Honor. If turned in later, the badge will be awarded at the next Court of Honor. This, hopefully, will avoid the usual last-minute rush, and allow the advancement people time to get the merit badges and make up the reports.
- Rank advancements will be awarded immediately after the Scout's Board of Review, or at the following meeting. Formal recognition will be at the next Court of Honor.

Also of note:

With the new Boy Scout Handbook, new rank requirements went into effect January 1, 2010. You can find the new requirements at scouting.org. A Scout should complete the old requirements of the rank he is working on, and when he advances to the next rank he should **then** begin using the new requirements.

Scout Account Info

Scouts have an account with funds they brought with them from their Cub Pack available for them to spend on scouting activities. Did you know that a portion of each scout's profits from sales for their Popcorn selling efforts (as well as the upcoming Countryside and Country Donuts Fundraisers) goes into an account that is available to them for spending on their own scouting expenses (dues, summer camp, campouts, uniform, equipment, etc.). Our treasurer, David Swift, keeps records on all the boys' scout accounts and will be printing reports for them to pick up at March troop meetings.

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 worked really hard at the popcorn 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. The more a boy sells, the more he makes for their scouting fun!

*We would like to invite all members of the troop to attend the
Eagle Court of Honor for
Matthew Tunncliffe*

*Please join us at the Nature Center
Saturday March 13, 2010
4:30 pm*

*Supper will immediately follow the ceremony
RSVP to 815-444-9314*

Troop Registration Update

It's that time of year for payment of scout dues. Dues will be due no later than March 9th. Mary Beth MacMeekin will be at the troop meetings on Tuesday March 2nd and March 9th to collect dues. The breakdown is as follows:

- A family with one boy in the troop is \$90.00.
- A family with two boys in the troop: First boy \$90.00, second boy is \$65.00.
- A family with three boys in the troop First boy \$90.00, second boy is \$65.00, third boy is \$15.00 (just the rechartering fee for third boy).

Addition fee of \$12.00 if you ordered "Boys Life" magazine. Dues include the troop rechartering fee.

As usual, each registered adult will not have to pay any fees.