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Troop 165 Today

Special Honor for Mr. Dalton

On Tuesday, September 23rd, Troop 165 held its Fall 2008 Court of Honor. During this Court of Honor, a very special award was presented to Scoutmaster Bob Dalton. This award is the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. Craig Ibbotson, past Troop 165 Chairman, presented the award. "There are many awards a Scouter can earn," said Mr. Ibbotson. "Some can be applied for by the Scouter themselves, for example, after earning training credits. Others are earned after nomination by other Scouters at the District or Council level. But there is only one award I am aware of that is awarded by the Troop, after nomination by the Troop Committee Chair and recommendation of the Senior Patrol Leader. That's what makes this award so very special." To earn the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, the Troop Committee provided evidence of the multitudes of Scouts that have earned 1st class rank under Scoutmaster Dalton and of how Scoutmaster Dalton lives his life by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. During the presentation, the letter of recommendation from former Senior Patrol Leader Mark Lesser was read and presented to Mr. Dalton. Mr. Dalton was then presented with the formal award, signed by the Chief Scout Executive. The audience showed its appreciation of Mr. Dalton's service by giving him an extended standing ovation. Mr. Ibbotson expressed his gratitude to Don Wallin, current Troop 165 Chairperson, Don Vitek, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Kathie Thorsen, Troop 165 Unit Commissioner for their help in securing this award for Mr. Dalton. Please congratulate Bob the next time you see him!



It's Popcorn Sale Time!

It's time to sell, sell, sell! The Popcorn sale is our biggest source of fundraising. We really appreciate all the time our scouts put into this fundraiser, so please encourage them! The troop operating expenses (including merit badges, supplies, training and district fees) come almost entirely from the income from this fundraiser. Basically the more we fundraise, the less the boys annual dues will be.

The goal per scout is \$250. (This will give us approximately \$75 profit per boy.) We are a smaller troop this year than last so we really need everyone to participate. The forms will be handed out at the October 7th troop meeting. If you are not present you can contact Wayne Paulson (cell 815.519.3200) or Don Wallin (cell 815.529.4664) to pick up the form. Popcorn orders are due on October 19th.

Prize for the top seller is \$50, 2nd \$30 and 3rd place, \$20.



Recruitment of New Scouts

We have close to 20 scouts who are on the path toward their Eagle, so we are hoping to recruit 10-15 new scouts for our troop. We hope to do this by inviting Webelos dens from area Cub Scout packs to come to a patrol meeting to see our troop in action. We also invite them to come to our Mini-Klondike coming up this December 12th-14th. Look for the Webelo Flyer included in this newsletter to give out to any cub scouts you know and encourage them to tell their Webelos den leaders to come check us out.

For the boys, remember that a Webelo den could visit any patrol meeting. Be sure to welcome the boys and follow the scout oath and law. The troupe guides will give them a tour and instruct them on a scout skill.

Upcoming High Adventure Activities

After a couple of great trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and the Dan Rogert Canoe Base in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, Crew 165 will be headed North again, this time to Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota.

This trip is open to all youth 14 and older who have graduated from the 8th grade. The cost is \$600 per person and covers the program fee at Sommers Canoe Base, the round trip transportation, crew t-shirt and pre trek training.

We will be leaving on July 8 and returning on the 16th, 2009. We have spaces available for 10 youth (male and female) and 6 adults (male and female). If you are interested in participating in this great "High Adventure Program". Please let Mr. Dalton know. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person is due September 2nd. The next payment of \$200 will be due September 30th.

There are also plans to put together trip to the Bahamas for Sailing in 2009. More info on that trip to follow.

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. With 22 months before the trip, your Scout will have plenty of time and opportunity to raise the money for the trip.

Parent help needed at Mini-Klondike

On December 13th, we will need parents to man stations for the Mini-Klondike. This is both to train our boys for the District Klondike in January and to show prospective scouts from cub packs what a great Boy Scout Troop we are. Let Mr. Dalton know if you can help out at the Mini-Klondike.

Troop 165 Leadership October 2008 - March 2009

Congratulations to our new troop leaders. Wish them well when you see them!

Senior Patrol Leader - Dale Wesa

**Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders - Brian Mudra,
Max Hopkins**

Hawk Patrol Leader - Evan Czarnik

Hawk Assistant Patrol Leader - Ben Swift

Rattlesnake Patrol Leader - David Smith

Rattlesnake Asst Patrol Leader - Erik Paulson

Coyote Patrol Leader - Eric Mudra

Coyote Assistant Patrol Leader - Kyle Kochaney

Ram Patrol Leader - Matthew Mudra

Ram Assistant Patrol Leader - Chris Fanella

Troop Guides - Jack Jablonsky, Mark Lesser

Troop OA Rep - Henry Hillstrom

Instructor - Brad Hyland

Librarian - Brian Donovan

**Junior Assistant Scoutmasters - Jonathan
Czerwonka, Ian Dalton**

Quartermaster - Tommy MacMeekin

Scribe - Dylan Duffy

Bugler - Mark Hegreberg

New Treasurer

Thanks go out to David Swift for taking on the important role as Troop Treasurer!

Merit Badge Pamphlets Missing

Has anyone seen them since summer camp? They are in a storage box (clear plastic)

Scout Spotlight – Senior Patrol Leader Dale Wesa

When did you join Scouting?

I joined around first or second grade, really as soon as I was old enough.

Why did you join?

I joined because my brother was a cub scout and he seemed to be enjoying himself as one.

What do you love best about scouting?

I love the friends I've made and the constant opportunity that I have to teach AND to learn.

What is your current Rank? What merit badge are you most proud of?

I am currently a Star Scout and I am most proud of the merit badge Pulp and Paper because aside from my friends Tommy MacMeekin (T-Mac) and Henry Hillstrom, I am the only one I have ever seen with that merit badge.

Do you know what your Eagle Project might be?

I know that I would like to go back to my middle school and do a project for the music department there because other than Scouting I would say that that is the place that I matured the most as a person.

Why did you want to be Senior Patrol Leader?

I wanted to be Senior Patrol Leader because I felt and still feel like I have a lot to add to the experience of Scouting and also that it would be one of the best learning opportunity's that I may ever encounter.

What are your goals for your position/how are you going to make the troop better?

I think that as a troop for the next twelve months we will learn how to make meals for an entire camp out without the use of pop-tarts or lame ham sandwiches.



Scouts getting ready for Eagle Board of Review

You can get lots of tips on what to expect by google-ing "Eagle Board of Review" on the Internet.

Eagle Spotlight Matt Hopkins:

How many merit badges have you earned as a Boy Scout? 23

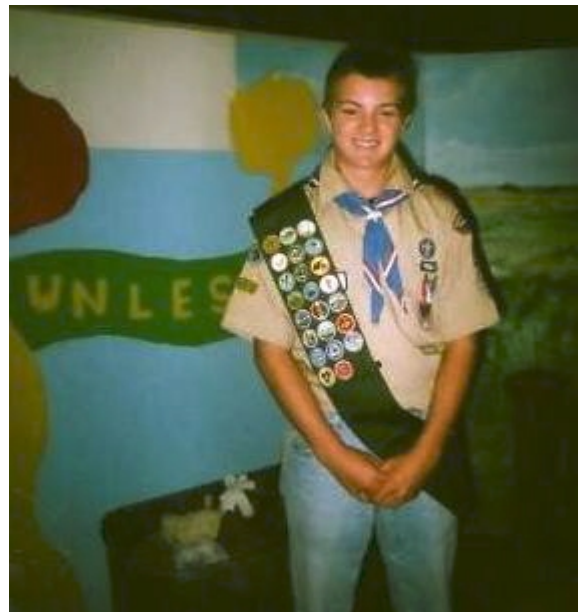
What was the hardest to earn? Environmental Science

What was the easiest/most fun for you? White Water Rafting

What was your Eagle Project?

The Nature Center needed a new stage for their puppet show area. I wanted to do something that would last and make children happy. They wanted it to promote saving the environment and we use the Lorax as the theme of the new stage.

What were the biggest challenges of your Eagle Project? Finding the time, scheduling volunteers and ensuring safety.



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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 Popcorn Sales Begin	2	3 Camporee	4 Camporee
5	6	7 Patrol Meeting Nature Center, 7pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Patrol Meeting Nature Center, 7pm	15	16	17	18
19 Popcorn Sales End	20	21 Patrol Meeting Nature Center, 7pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Patrol Leader Council Nature Center, 7pm	29 Troop Committee Meeting St. Eliz. Ann Seton, 7pm	30	31	
<p>Upcoming events: November 21-23 PLC Leadership Weekend at Camp Algonquin November Date TBD – Lock-in at the Belvidere YMCA December 12-14 Mini Klondike at Camp Algonquin</p>						