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Scout Accounts

Did you know that a portion of each scout's profits from sales for their Popcorn selling efforts goes into an account that is available to them for spending on their own scouting expenses (summer camp, camp-outs, uniform, equipment, etc.)

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 they make for their scouting fun!

Troop 165 Today

Thanks to Mari Swift who has volunteered to chair the Lehi Roller Mills Fundraiser and Judy Marquardt-Smith for agreeing to be our Chaplain. We are still looking for a Secretary. ...

Popcorn selling time!

Popcorn time is here! Thanks to Dave Russell for being our popcorn colonel. Forms have been distributed (if you didn't get one, call Dave at (815) 356-8475. We have some fun incentives for the big sellers this year. The Scout that sells the most popcorn in one single day will win a Blitz Rocket. Be sure to keep track of the sale date on your order forms - this is being done on the honor system. A scout is trustworthy, right! Also, any Scout who fills out the entire order form (selling to different addresses) will receive \$15 Scout credit. We also will be having a \$75 incentive for selling the most popcorn, \$50 for 2nd place and \$40 for 3rd. Please turn your order forms with money to Dave at the 10/20 scout meeting. Pickup date is 11/17.



September Canoe Trip

by Mr. Mudra

The HAGs took a canoe trip down the mighty Kishwaukee. The trip started in Cherry Valley; we paddled about 9 miles and camped near New Milford. IL. Had some good food and good times. We were able to see a pair of bald eagles as well as other wild life -- including some scots. The weather was just about perfect. Only one canoe tipped during the trip, no injuries. A couple of our scouts showed good water rescue skills to make sure everyone was OK. Additionally, there is a scandal brewing over the Kochaney - Mudra race result. Does the winner need to exit his canoe gracefully? Mr. Kochaney claims not. The Jury is still out!

Horseback Riding at Chain-O-Lakes

Another a good weekend was had at the Chain-O-Lakes / Horseback Riding Camp-out. Many first year scouts attended and enjoyed several activities. Most of the scouts enjoyed a trail ride, a couple of scouts decided to clean up horse manure instead, an interesting opportunity. The scouts also took a 5 mile nature hike - which help meet several rank advancement requirements. After the hike, the scouts prepared a meal over an open fire (more rank advancement skills). The group camp site hosted 4 troops that weekend and in good scouting spirit the troops joined together in a mega-game of capture the flag -- well into the evening!

Troop 165 Leadership for October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

Congratulations to our new leaders!

Senior Patrol Leader - Kevin Dalton

Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders - Matthew Mudra, Max Hopkins

Coyote Patrol Leader - Eric Mudra

Coyote Assistant Patrol Leader - Kyle Kochaney

Ram Patrol Leader - Mark Hegreberg

Ram Assistant Patrol Leader - Steven Peterson

Hawk Patrol Leader - Brian Mudra

Hawk Assistant Patrol Leader - Jimmy McDonnell

Rattlesnake Patrol Leader - Matt Gonyon

Rattlesnake Assistant Patrol Leader - Sean Rochford

Troop Guides - David Smith, Jamie Quirk, Mac Curtis, Mark Lesser

Troop OA Rep - Evan Czarnik

Den Chief - Mark Hegreberg

Instructors - Brian Donovan,
Patrick Brady

Librarian - Elliot Wesa

Quartermaster - Kevin Kremer

Our September Court of Honor celebrated following achievements:

110 Merit badges and 30 Badges of Rank.

Congratulations to our hard-working boys!

Calendar of OA events for 2009-2010

October 23 Chapter Meeting: Corn Maze in Richmond

November 21 Chapter Meeting: Game Day (kickball, capture the flag, etc) and Brotherhood Bash

December 17 Chapter Meeting: Iron Chef cooking competition

January 9, 2010: Wulapeju Lodge Winter Banquet

February Chapter Meeting: YMCA Lock-in

March Chapter Meeting: Bowling

April Chapter Meeting: Archery

May Chapter Meeting: Service Project

June 4-6, 2010: Wulapeju Lodge Spring Fellowship

August 13-15, 2010: Wulapeju Lodge Fall Conclave

August 29, 2010: Extreme Service Project

Scoutmaster Minute

Once there was a very large green bullfrog who lived in a modest sized pond. Even though many other animals and fish lived around this pond the bullfrog didn't have any friends. You see, the friends he once had were gone. They were tired of his constant boasting about how far he could jump, how loud he could croak, and how many flies he could eat. These days, they just tried to stay out of his way.

This situation changed when the geese began to migrate through the area. Two geese actually became his friends. They spent many a long day visiting, swimming, and doing the things friends do.

Then one day the two geese told the frog it was time for them to continue their migration. The frog was sad and asked if they could take him with them. He suggested that they let him climb on one of their backs and hang onto their neck. Both geese agreed that he was entirely too fat for one goose to carry. Further saddened, the frog began to think and finally came up with an idea.

"Listen," he said, "How about we take a string and each of you take hold of an end with your mouth and bite down hard, then I will bite in the middle of the string and you can fly me between you." The geese pondered the idea and decided to give it a try.

All were ready and the geese began to flap and run. The frog hopped along with the string in his mouth until he was lifted from the ground and was airborne. "Oh what a feeling", thought the frog. Onward they flew for days on end until they flew over a farmer out in his field.

The farmer looked up and upon seeing the geese and frog remarked, "My, my, a flying frog! I wonder who taught those geese to fly such a big frog?"

Hearing this, the frog wanting to get all the glory for such a clever idea, said, "I DID!" That night the farmer feasted on very large succulent frog legs.

Check your ego, don't let it get so far out of control that you lose your friends or worse yet, end up on someone's plate.

Good Night Scouts

October 2009

<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, Nature Center 7pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Troop Meeting, Nature Center 7pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Troop Meeting, Nature Center 7pm	21	22	23 OA Chapter Meeting at Corn Maze in Richmond	24
25	26	27 ASM Meeting 6:30 pm, PLC, Committee 7pm Nature Center	28	29	30	31

Turn in Popcorn orders/\$\$

Upcoming Events:
 11/6 – 11/7 Ecamp at Camp Algonquin
 11/14 Popcorn Pickup
 12/11 – 12/13 Mini-Klondike at Camp Algonquin