



# The 746 Troop Loop



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## Troop Camps and Leaders Eat at Smallwood

On September 21, the troop gathered at the church to depart for our Sept. camp trip. Special thanks goes to Mr. Fred who came to help us pack up. Mr. Sterling, Mr. Jacobs, Ms R and Mr. Wertz drove down. After an extended stop at McDonald's, we arrived at Smallwood State Park. Once we managed to catch up with a friendly ranger, we went back to our site and unloaded gear, set up camp and observed lights out. We rose with the sun to begin the days activities as they were planned by the PLC and SPL. When the scoutmaster arose from his quiet slumber, he began cooking breakfast for the adults. The rest of his patrol mates, straightened up their gear, cut onions, green peppers and what ever else went into the omelets that Mr. Wertz made after he cooked the sausage and squeezed the Orange Juice. Some members of the Senior Patrol slept in, while other members and the patrol with no name contemplated their menu options. After breakfast, some boys worked on advancement requirements. After Lunch, the Canters joined us. They even rented a canoe for a couple hours and took a boy or two with them. JASM John Norden and Instructor Shawn Rabideau with the assistance of Adam Sterling helped Mr. Wertz teach Totin Chip to a couple boys. It was at this time, we discovered that somebody placed certain items needed to teach totin

chip back in the shed. Mr. Fred showed up for Dinner and stayed the evening. After Dinner and clean up, we sat around the campfire and discussed some ideas for future planning and generally had a nice evening. Mr. Fred led a brief star hike. On Sunday we packed up and headed home. If you would really like to be apart of the fun, please plan to attend an outing. They are never boring.

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 17 - Money due for camping Trip.
- 26 - 28 Asseateauge camping
- 29 - PLC 7:30
- 31 - No Troop Meeting!

### November

- 3 - Pass Out Food Bags
- 7 - Money due for camping trip.
- 10 - Collect Food Bags
- 12 - OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 - Committee Mtg 7:30
- 14 - Roundtable
- 16 - 18 Cederville Camping
- 26 - PLC 7:30

### December

- 1 - Lions Pancake Breakfast
- 10 - OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 - Committee Mtg. 7:30
- 12 - Roundtable
- 17 - PLC 7:30

### In the Future

- Feb. 8 - 10 District Klondiike Derby
- June - Shads Landing

## Court of Honor

For those of you who could not make it, we had a Court of Honor on October 3rd. The boys had a fairly active summer due to summer camp. Patches were handed out to all those who attended summer camp. Also we had several advancements:

- 2 Tenderfoots
- 1 Second Class
- 1 First Class
- 1 Life

The boys also earned several merit badges. These included swimming, wilderness survival, environmental science, sports, reading, basketry, citizenship in the world, and fishing. The new SPL was named as well.

**Congratulations** to all these boys. Thanks to the SPL and ASPL for a fine job of emceeing. If you missed the COH, you also missed the stellar performance by Mr. Wertz as a "crying little boy." Please come and support the boys at the next COH.

## Labor Day Festival

Once again, Labor Day Festival was a success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys and parents who worked the booth. Without your help, we would not be able to man this kind of fund-raiser. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Brown for all of their hard work in getting the food and keeping the booth supplies. It was hard work and the pay was lousy, but you have our thanks for a job well done.

Important things you'll find in this issue.....

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Scoutmaster's Corner

## Baby, It's Cold Outside

The essence of staying warm in the winter is having the proper clothing layers and knowing how to use them effectively. Below are some clothing Techniques:

-When you first get up in the morning (and at the end of the day in camp), your activity level will be low as will be the temperature. You will need to have many, if not all, of your layers on at this point until you have started to become active.

-When you get ready to be active, you will need to take off layers since you will begin generating heat. A good rule of thumb is to strip down until you feel just cool not chilled just before activity. Open or closing zippers, rolling sleeves up or down, taking a hat off or putting one on will all help with temperature regulation.

-If you stop for more than a few minutes, you will need to put on another layer to keep from getting chilled. Keep a layer close at hand.

-Whenever you get covered with snow, either from a fall or from dislodged snow from a tree, it is essential to brush yourself off to keep your clothing free of snow. Failure to do this often results in the snow melting into your clothing and refreezing as ice.

-At the end of the day, as activity decreases and temperature drops, you will need to add layers. Once you start to cool down it takes a lot of the body's resources (calories) to heat up again so layer up ASAP before you get chilled. It may be good to put on more than you think you need; it will only get colder. If you are too warm, you can open up layers and ventilate to reach the proper temperature.

## Committee Chair's Corner:

This is usually the Scoutmaster's minute, but he decided to let me say a few words instead. On October 12 & 13, I had the honor of participating in the Order of Arrow Ordeal. It was an honor to be chosen to join this organization. I just wanted to share with you what I learned on my weekend. Let me start out by saying it is called an Ordeal for a reason. It is not easy and with the mystery surrounding it, it can be scary. But it can also open your eyes to a whole new you. It was a challenge for me, because some of the things we did were not pleasant, but I rose to the challenge. And to my surprise, I found out some things about myself along the way. I found out that I am not too old to learn new tricks. I found out that nature still holds beauty for me. And I found out that I am not alone in the trials I must face. For my Ordeal, there were 14 other people to help support me. In everyday life, I have support in my family and friends. I learned all of this because I decided to challenge myself and rise above petty fears. I challenge you to rise above your petty fears and worries. I challenge you to find new things to try. I challenge you to try and discover what is inside of you. But mostly I challenge you to be the best scout and person you can be.

**Mrs. Jacobs**

### South Africa Scout Law

Just to add a little cultural diversity I thought it would be interesting to see the Scout Law for other countries. Here is the Scout Law in South Africa.

A Scout's Honour is to be trusted

A Scout is loyal

A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others

A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout

A Scout is courteous

A Scout is a friend to animals

A Scout obeys orders

A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties

A Scout is thrifty

A scout is clean in thought, word and deed

### Troop Committee Meetings

The Troop Committee holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. In these meetings, we discuss all kinds of things that concern the support of the program. If anyone wishing to explore new ways to support the Troop, please let ScoutMaster Wertz know. Bring your ideas.

### Patrol Leaders Council: (PLC)

PLC are held the last Monday of every month unless otherwise stated. The PLC will also meet for 10 minutes after each troop meeting. See calendar for actual dates.

Please remember that if a boy wishes to go on a camping trip, \$15 dollars in **CASH** must be brought **two meeting before** the trip to reserve the spot and to buy food. No checks will be accepted. If there is a problem, please let the Scoutmaster know.

