

Troop 165 News

Tidbits:

- Scouting magazine premiered in 1913
- Registration of Scouts began, 25 cents a year in 1913
- Order of the Arrow began in 1915
- Federal Charter granted by Congress in 1916

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News

Information Consolidation

Over time the Troop has adopted several ways of communicating info. Between email, troop kit, troop master, you tube, yahoo, Facebook, the website and twitter we had too many places for the Scouts and their parents to look for information. With our Webmasters (David H.) help we are consolidating everything to the website. The most up to date calendar will be posted there along with sign up forms and permission slips. All of the Scouts now have a mailbox (folder) in the Hut. All paperwork will be in there. Scouts need to remember to check their mailbox before or after the meeting to stay up to date on our happenings. We are also looking at an online payment system and should have that up and running by the February campout. We will continue to use Facebook, YouTube, and twitter for live updates during campouts, but that info will be rolled to the website the following week.

Canned Food Drive

Currently Troop 165 is collecting canned food in our Scouting for Food drive. Inside the hut there is a blue bin. Please bring any canned goods you can spare and place in that bin. Once full we will load it up and take it to the Food Pantry and donate it. Also make sure to fill out the sheet attached to the bin with your name and amount of cans donated.

Used sleeping bag drive

Our Chartered organization – Harvest Point Methodist Church – is collecting used sleeping bags and heavy blankets for their homeless ministry. If you have a used bag or blanket that you can spare, please bring it and we will collect them and turn them into the Church on Scout Sunday.

This poor Scoutmaster has it worse than any of us:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0e5EIEJ2Rz8>

January Trip Details

We will be headed for the beautiful mountains of North Carolina for some hiking and snow tubing. We have the Lodge reserved for the three day MLK weekend and weather permitting the trip should be a blast. Info sheets and permission slips will be in the Scouts mailboxes first meeting in January 4th and will be due back on January 11th.



We will depart the Scout Hut at 6:30 Friday night and arrive at the Lodge around 10pm. After a quick cracker barrel Friday night it will be lights out. Then up early Saturday to go tubing. After that back to the Lodge for lunch. After lunch we will take a one mile hike. Then plan on relaxing time with dinner and a movie in front of the fireplace Saturday night. Sunday we will take the five mile hike in the morning. After lunch we plan to touch on JLT and the Green Bars are going to put on a Scout Skills clinic. After that we will have a spaghetti dinner. Monday morning we will be up early and headed back to the Hut. We plan to be back by 12:30 Monday afternoon.

Webelos Wood Report

On a cold Saturday morning, some great Scouts gathered to teach scouting skills to a group of up and coming Webelo Scouts. For those wondering, a Webelo Scout is the last step in Cub Scouting. The next step for a Webelo Scout is to join a Troop.

Troops 62, 163 and ourselves got together to put on this event to hopefully help the transition into Boy Scouts become a little less intimidating. Unfortunately a lot of Cub Scout Packs only camp once a year at Spook – O – Ree, so when these Cub Scouts enter a Troop environment they are lost. It was the goal of the Scouts that planned this event to familiarize the Webelos with Boy Scout camping and gear.

There were exhibitions on cooking, backpacking, campsites, ax yards, first aid and fire starting just to name a few. Probably the two most popular events were the ax yard, and Football – Jeremiah style.

At the end of the event, all of the Webelos said they had a blast and learned a lot. One of the Boy Scouts said “Welcome to Boy Scouts, we have fun and learn something every week.”

Details are already in the works for next year’s Webelo Woods. Look for it to be a campout for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Next year’s Webelo Woods is tentatively scheduled for November 4th thru the 6th. Boy Scouts will camp Friday and Saturday nights, while the Webelos will camp Saturday night.



Menu of the Month

Basic Hamburger, Beans & Biscuits

2 lbs. lean hamburger
2 2lb cans of pork and beans
1 jar hickory smoked barbeque sauce
1 cup shredded cheese
Ketchup
Mustard
Onions
4 cans biscuits

Brown and drain the hamburger. Add both cans of pork and beans. Mix well. Add as much or as little of the BBQ sauces to the mix. Again, mix well. Add ketchup and mustard to taste. Once all is mixed add a hand full of chopped onions (the finer the better) .Let simmer on low for 15minutes. Open the biscuits separate them and cut each biscuit in half making two half-moon shaped pieces. Stir the beans and beef mixture. Stand biscuit halves on the beans/beef mixture. Stand them so the straight side is down and the half-moon side faces up. Cover the complete top of the beef and beans mixture this way. Add the shredded cheese to the top of biscuits. Bake for 30 minutes at 400 degrees. It’s all done when the biscuits are done.

Summer Camp 2011

Once again we will be heading to the mountains of North Carolina for summer camp. Camp Raven Knob is located near Mt. Airy North Carolina, about 6 ½ hours from here. We are grandfathered into our campsite; Comanche. We look forward to another fun filled, busy week. We will begin sign up and payments in early January. We try to register early so our Scouts get their first choices. Raven Knob offers courses for every Scout. Some Scouts that are going to Philmont are planning on doing Rampage to help them prepare for the rigors of Philmont. The Scouts that did Cripple Creek last year loved it. The Scouts in the Raven Scout program learned and earned their early rank requirements.

There are a lot of Camps closer, we have tried some. There are a lot of nicer Camps, we have tried some. There is not a Camp with a more dedicated Staff anywhere that we have been to. That is what keeps us coming back.

Raven Knob has instructors that have been on staff for thirty years or more. The average is about twelve years. That kind of knowledge is hard to come by. That is what keeps us coming back.

Look for more info on signup starting in January.

Also – We will need adults this year to help with summer camp, with a lot of the leaders attending Philmont, we are going to be stretched thin. Please consider volunteering for a week...



Scout Sunday

Troop elections will be held the first week of January. Special thanks to all of our Green Bars, and good luck to all of our new leaders.

Join us as we celebrate Scout Sunday at our Chartered Organization. We plan to return from our February campout in time to make the Service at Harvest Point Methodist Church.

Sunday, February 6th we plan to be at Harvest Point at 10:30 AM to show our support and our thanks to the Church.

Pickup from the campout will be at the church, so please plan to attend.

Raven Knob has Staff members that have been on Staff for over thirty years. That is what sets them apart from a lot of other camps.



Philmont Expedition 2011

The average amount of miles hiked at Philmont during an Expedition is 85.

Our Philmont Contingent is ramping up now to start training for their Trek. There are 4 adults and 7 scouts currently registered to go. Since our transportation option has changed we have room for 1 more Scout. They must be 14 by Jan 2011. If interested please let Doug know in the next few weeks. We can add on for a few more weeks, after that we have to finalize everything. For the Scouts and Adults going on the trip the next Philmont planning meeting will be in early March. We will plan our schedule and itineraries during that meeting.

Order of the Arrow Calendar released

January 28-30th – OA Klondike @ Lawhorne Scout Base

February 26th – Work day at Lawhorne Scout Base

March 4-6th – Spring Fellowship campout at Lawhorne Scout Base.

April 9th – Final work weekend to get Lawhorne Scout Base ready for Conclave

April 15th-17th – Conclave – A gathering of 12 lodges, and 1000 Arrowmen at Lawhorne Scout Base.

May 13th-15th – Spring Ordeal at Lawhorne Scout base

June and July – Every Wednesday night there is a fellowship at Lawhorne Scout Base. Bring your sash and meet Arrowmen from different Troops staying at camp.

August 12-14th – Fall Ordeal at Lawhorne Scout Base

September 23-25th – Fall Fellowship at Lawhorne Scout Base

December 2nd – Winter Banquet at Lawhorne Scout Base

For more details on any of these events see the Lodges website at www.ini-to324.org.



To be Scoutmaster of such a great group of young boys is at times a challenge. To watch them grow up into great young men is an honor.

Scoutmaster's Minute

As we move into the New Year, I continue to be amazed by these young men we call Boy Scouts. These are some of the finest young men I know. I am proud of our current Scouts, and our past Scouts. Eagle Scouts like Jeremiah S. who continues to help with the Troop. Eagle Scouts like Jacob H, who is now an Assistant Scoutmaster and attends the meeting between College and Band. Eagle Scout Ryan H, who is defending our freedom in the US Army.

I am proud of the Scouts that show up every week and work towards their goal. The experiences they gain from being in a Scouting program will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives.

I am also very proud to be associated with some of the best adults I know. Every one of the Adults makes sure their son attends the meetings, and the campouts. For that I am thankful.

They say imitation is the most sincere form of flattery; that being said I guess we should feel very flattered. There are Troops copying our calendar, and our Webelo Woods was so successful that District wants us to put it on for them in March.

In closing, I want to thank the Green Bars, the Adult Leaders and everyone that helps the Troop.

Yours in Scouting

Doug

Suwannee River Expedition 2012

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We are currently looking at a canoe trip down the Suwannee River for our High Adventure Trek in 2012. We would start at the Okefenokee Sill in Georgia and canoe down 213 miles to Suwannee, Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. The trip takes about 14 days with good water. Currently we are in the planning stages. We will be planning this, or other options at upcoming PLC's
Stay tuned for details

Important Stuff you need to know

Jan 4	Troop Meeting (Elections)	Nick
Jan 7	Philmont Meeting	Doug
Jan 11	Troop Meeting	Landon C
Jan 14-17	Campout	Doug
Jan 18	Troop Meeting	Landon
Jan 20	Parent/Committee Meeting	Chris Sm.
Jan 22	Pinewood Derby Test & Tune	Bo
Jan 25	Troop Meeting	Landon
Feb 1	Troop Meeting	Landon
Feb 1	Troop PLC	Landon & Nick
Feb 4-6	Campout	
Feb 6	Scout Sunday	Jeremiah
Feb 8	Troop Meeting	Landon
Feb 10	Roundtable-OA Meeting	
Feb 15	Troop Meeting	Landon
Feb 22	Troop Meeting	Landon
Feb 26	OA – Ready the Camp	
Mar 1	Troop Meeting	Landon
Mar 1	Troop PLC	Landon & Nick

About Our Organization..

Troop 165 formed on September 11 2006 with 5 scouts and 4 adults. We were then, and are still, chartered by Harvest Point Methodist Church.

<http://www.harvestpointonline.com/>

We thank them for their dedication to the Troop.

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