

Boy Scout Troop 7 Newsletter

4th Quarter 2010

As a member of Boy Scout Troop 7, you are receiving this newsletter via troop email and it will also be available for your review via the troop website at www.troop-7.org.

UNIFORM REMINDER

As a friendly reminder, scouts should come to troop meetings and events with the proper troop uniform:

- Scout shirt with shoulder loops
- Solid colored pants with belt loops
- Neckerchief & slide or bolo tie
- Belt



ANNUAL RECHARTERING

It's that time of year again to renew your commitment to Boy Scouts and Troop 7! We are pleased that we are once again able to hold our annual fee to **\$60 per scout**.

Please have your payment to Mr. Aderman by the **Jan. 4th Troop meeting**. Checks can be made payable to Troop 7.

Last Call for 100 Year Awards!

Any scout or leader who is interested in earning one or all of the available awards for the 100 years of scouting celebration must have their paperwork turned into Mrs. Potvin by the last troop meeting of the month (December 14th).

As a reminder, any scout who earns all 5 of the ribbons for this historic award will be eligible to participate in a special troop event, paid for by the troop, to be announced in 2011. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

****Please Note: The annual planning meeting on 12/18 is for patrol leaders only. If you have suggestions or ideas for 2011, please communicate with your patrol leader and make your voice heard!**

****Reminder that the electronic campout on 12/18 is for scouts who have attended 6 or more outdoor activities and 4 service projects during 2010!**

TROOP MEETINGS & EVENTS

12/13	Troop 7 Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12/14	Troop Meeting / Webelos Night	7:30 p.m.
12/18	Annual Planning Meeting Electronic Campout	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
12/21	No Meeting!	
12/28	No Meeting!	
1/4	Troop Meeting	7:30 p.m.
1/6	Maramech Hill District Roundtable	7:45 p.m.
1/10	Troop 7 Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
1/11	PLC Troop Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

SCOUT CORNER

BOUNDARY WATERS by Sawyer R.

A trip to the Boundary Waters is often the highlight of a boy scout's year, or maybe even their scouting career. It is one of three main high adventure trips that Boy Scouts has to offer, the other two trips being Philmont in New Mexico and Sea Base in Florida. This year, fourteen members of Troop 7 were able to go on this high adventure trip for older scouts and adult leaders.

The Boundary Waters (also known as Northern Tier) are located in northern Minnesota. The outfitter that we used is located in Ely, which is roughly a nine-hour drive from the Elburn Community Center. The first and last nights of the trip are spent relaxing in a bunkhouse on the property of the outfitter. The rest of the time is spent camping (sometimes on islands), portaging, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and just experiencing nearly complete isolation from the rest of the world.

RAGING WAVES by Cody

The trip to Raging Waves was exciting. The body slide was one of the more exciting rides. It had a straight down drop. Mr. Michek almost chickened out, but he went on it and screamed like a little girl. There were many other rides like the Three Sisters, the Tornado, the Toilet Bowl, the two smaller body slides, and of course, Mrs. Potvin's favorite, the lazy river. A good time was had for all.

Hunting & Fishing days by Aaron M.

We arrived at Silver Springs with a decent turnout, 28 boys participated total. We set up camp Friday night and had pizza. The next morning the Adults and the Scouts got up early to do the pancake breakfast. Others went off to do their parking shifts and while they were off duty most scouts either browsed the vendors or sat at camp.

On Sunday things were really busy. We got up early again and went to the pancake breakfast for a while but then the parking shifts started. Parking was crazy on Sunday. Lots of people came and got angry because they couldn't park where they wanted. After a while, people started leaving and so did the scouts. The last of the people left at about 3:45 and got back at 4:30.

Bliss Woods by Andrew B.

On Saturday, October 23, the boy scouts traveled to Bliss Woods, in Sugar Grove, Illinois. They were not alone, however. They were with Webelos. Seven boy scouts were in attendance. During the day the Webelos were taught many things. For dinner the meal was stew. It was obvious that they enjoyed their meal. At night the activity was two games of capture the flag. Everybody had a nice game. After that it was time for bed for most people. In the morning when it was time to go. Most of the Webelos said they had a fun time.

Wilderness Survival by Jacob S.

Wilderness survival is one of the greatest campouts we go on. Everyone loves to go on this campout and it never gets old. I have gone for four years. I think the thing that I like the most is that we get to build our own shelters. I love this so much because I always wonder if I would be able to survive in my own shelter and this proves if you really can or not.

Another thing we do is get the wilderness survival merit badge which is a fun one to take. Also we go on a hike and hang out. We will normally play football during the day and work on our forts. Then at night we play capture the flag which we all love to play. This is also a very different campout because of how we cook our meals. Normally we cook the meals on a propane stove but for this campout we can only use a fire and no utensils. This is why I think the wilderness survival campout is the best campout that we go on!

OA Fall Fellowship by Phil R.

Over the weekend of September 10-12 several scouts went to the ranch in Rochelle to work at the Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship. Despite it being damp from rain, the weekend was busy with lots of activities to do helping get the camp cleaned up and organized. Two scouts completed their Ordeals - Josh Y. and Philip R. Mr. Rawers and Kyle L. were converted to Brotherhood level and Jordan Rego was made Vigil in the OA.

For the activities, food and fellowship, the OA Fall Fellowship weekend was hard to beat.