

Boy Scout Troop 7 Newsletter

April 2011

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



TROOP MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| 4/19 | Troop Meeting Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge | 7:30 p.m. |
| 4/26 | Troop Meeting Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge | 7:30 p.m. |
| 4/29-5/1 | Lincoln Pilgrimage | |
| 4/30 | Arbor Day Event | |
| 5/3 | Troop Meeting Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge | 7:30 p.m. |
| 5/5 | Maramech Hill District Roundtable Yorkville Congregational Church | 7:45 p.m. |
| 5/9 | Troop 7 Committee Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| 5/10 | PLC Troop Meeting | 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| 5/13-5/15 | Maquoketa Caves Campout | |
| 5/17 | Troop Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 5/21 | Great Lakes Day Trip | |

SCOUT CORNER

Shawnee Backpacking Trip by Mr. Michek

The Shawnee trip is a 4 day backpacking trip which takes place in the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois. We left Elburn Thursday morning and drove over 6 hours to Camp Cadiz in the National Forest. At lunchtime, we stopped to eat and visited a local grocery store to provision food for our trip. Once at Camp Cadiz, we set up tents for the night, made pigs in a blanket (hot dogs in crescent rolls), went on a short hike, and made a cake for dessert. We had a couple of dogs who came to visit, but handouts and belly scratches were not given out, so they moved on.

We awoke the morning of day 2 and got ready to hit the trail. We did a police line through the campout and cleaned up before we left. After a short section of road hiking, we descended into a valley with a creek at the bottom. Mr. Aderman slipped on the bank and twisted an ankle, our only injury for the trip. After crossing the creek, which was rather low, we continued along our way. After about 6 miles, we headed up a valley and found a spot to camp next to a creek.

Day 3 took us past an abandoned house, through a field, through the woods, and down a road to a lake. We ate lunch at the lakeside and skipped stones. After lunch, we proceeded around the lake, and proceeded to Pounds Escarpment where we climbed a rock staircase and helped a kid with a bloody nose. We decided to put on a couple of extra miles in order to make Sunday a little shorter. We found a campsite with an existing fire ring, enjoyed a fire and slept under an open tarp.

After a quick pack up, we were on the trail. We finished the last 4 miles and made it back to the cars about 9:00. We returned to Elburn around dinnertime. Afterwards, very little poison ivy was reported. The weather during the trip was very pleasant and a good time was had by most.



CALLING ALL SCOUT FAMILIES!

The troop will once again be participating in the Kane County Relay for Life. While this event is in June (6/24), it's never too early to start planning and asking friends and neighbors for donations. Please plan to participate in this worthy event for a great cause.

Boys will have the option of using the track at Elfstrom Stadium to complete a 10 or 20 mile hike for the Hiking Merit Badge.

Prior to this event, the troop will be hosting a pancake breakfast (6/18) at the Community House in Sugar Grove in honor of Bob Carroll. All proceeds earned will be donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.



Please add these events to your calendar now!!!!



Contributions to this newsletter can be submitted to Jennifer Madziarczyk at Troop Meetings or via email at zoofamily@mchsi.com. All contributions are due by the 2nd Troop meeting of the month.