

Around the Campfire



A Troop 8 Newsletter

December '08

Upcoming Events

Orienteering at Mistletoe State Park
12/13 Meet at Scout House 10:00 AM

PLC Sunday 12/14 2:30 pm
Scout House

University of Scouting
1/10/09 Westside High School

Scout House Heat Update

Many of you have felt the cold in the Scout House during the last month. Well the Church finally decided to replace the entire unit. The old one has been removed. We are waiting for the new one to arrive. As soon as it arrives it will be installed. I hope that it is finished sometime this week.

Re-chartering

We will soon begin our re-charter process for the next year. If you plan on returning you will need to pay your registration fee, Boys Life and Scout dues. Paul Burwinkel will be e-mailing you with all of the information very soon. If you have any questions about this please contact Paul or Dan MacEachern

Chairman's corner

I would like to publicly thank John Lint for his hard work as our interim Scout Master. I would also like to thank Paul for expressing his ideas to make this a better Troop. A big thank you also goes out to Bill Charters for his hard work and dedication to Troop 8.

House Clean up

The house was straightened up a couple of weeks ago. The entire meeting was spent cleaning up and straightening out stuff that was left around. We need to continue that work until everything has been organized and put in place. Then and only then will we have an idea of what we have and what we need to get.

Weekend Clean up

We need to organize a weekend clean up of the Scout House and grounds. There is a need to clean out the garage so we can store our trailer in there. The entire outside needs to be raked up and put out for pick up. There are numerous shrubs and small trees that need to be cut up. The large trees in the back need to be limbed up and the driveway to the garage needs a lot of pruning. The house itself could use a good cleaning too. If we get this done it will be much easier to keep up with. Dan will send out an e-mail with a weekend date. If you have a preference please let him know quickly so he can include that date.

New Scoutmaster

Our Committee recently voted in a new Scoutmaster. Congratulations to Dave Besel. We are sure that Dave will bring in some new and exciting ideas for the Troop. I encourage all of you to spend some time getting to know Dave. Dave asked Paul Burwinkel to be his 1st Assistant Scoutmaster. This will make a very good pair to guide the Troop to new heights

Troop 8 Newsletter

As you can see, I am attempting to put together a monthly newsletter to keep you all informed of what is going on within the Troop. I would like to get everyone involved with this. This would be a great opportunity for the Scouts to work on the journalism merit badge. They could submit articles to me for publication in the newsletter. The articles could be informative or opinionated in nature. I will check them out before putting them in. I would like to see us feature a Scout and/or adult in each newsletter. It would be interesting to see a profile on each other. You never know you might find out that others have some of the same interests as you do. I would like to have a merit badge and Scout news section to the newsletter.

Lost and Found

Did you know that Christopher Wiley had to organize a missing person drill to finish up one of his merit badges? Well he did and he asked Mr. MacEachern for an idea. Christopher had to find a small child at the Boshears Skyfest weekend. He was given a description of the child and where she was last seen. Christopher had to find the child and then radio back with her name. His team located her in about 15 minutes. Good job Christopher!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Happy New Year too!