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March Activities

March 1	Order of the Arrow Elections
March 19 - 20	Bent's Old Fort outing
March 22	Boundary Waters payment due
March 29	Summer camp payment due

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Summer Camp Info

I know summer camp is still 6 months away, but another Camp Alexander deadline is rapidly approaching. We have asked for 2 campsites to accommodate a minimum of 42 Scouts. As of now, we have less than 20 Scouts committed to Camp A. We have until January 20th to decide if we need both campsites. If we do not have enough Scouts signed up by then, we will need to drop the smaller campsites. That will limit the total number of Scouts and adults who can attend to 33.

Camp A has a great program for first and second year Scouts, great food and near perfect weather. Camp A also offers an Outdoor Adventure program for Scouts 14 and older. If you haven't already signed up for Camp A, please do so as soon as possible. Check out all that Camp A has to offer:

http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/campa/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5&Itemid=1

Congrats New Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader	Mitchel B
Assistant SPL	Adam K
Assistant SPL	Rajiv C
Assistant SPL	Colin P

We did the COH and we swore in the new leadership for the Troop. Congrats guys and I hope that you do a great job.

See that last page to see the expectations for the new leadership.

Weekly Dues Info

At the Committee meeting that was held on the 7th of December, we discussed the weekly dues that each Scout should be paying. As each Scout knows, they need to pay \$1.00 per week that they earn for doing a good turn. This money goes to the Troop to help offset expenses that we incur throughout the year. Right now there are a lot of Scouts that are behind in these dues.

To help encourage the Scouts to pay these dues, we have instated a plan. Each Scout must do 2 final things to be advanced to the next rank. The 1st thing is to be involved in a Scout Master Conference. The 2nd thing is to be involved in a Board of Review.

If a Scout is not current in their dues, they will be made aware of this and then will not be able to schedule or participate in a Board of Review. Once they become current, they can then do the Board of Review.

Information to know

The next merit badge will be Geology and it will start in April and end with a trip to Dinosaur Ridge in May.

The upcoming merit badges may be offered depending on the Troop schedule:

Fishing, Fly Fishing, Hiking, Cycling, Environmental Science, and Emergency Preparation.

These are subject to change but we are working on them.

Congrats on your rank

Congratulations to all the Scouts that were recognized for rank advancement at that COH! You all worked very hard and made a difference in your Scout career.

Keep up the good work.



Eagle COH

Do not forget about the 2 Eagle COHs that are coming up in April.

Grant M will have his COH on April 10th.

Mitchell B will have his on April 18th.

There will be info coming as to the times and places for each COH. Please come out and support the 2 newest Eagle Scouts in Troop 113!

Leadership Position Info

If you are interested in running for a leadership position this month, these are the BSA requirements for each of them.

SPL.....14-Years-Old; Life;
Big Horn Trained

ASPL.....14-Years-Old; Star;
Big Horn Trained

Patrol Leader.....13-Years-Old; First
Class

A Patrol Leader.....12-Years-Old; Second
Class

2010 Scout Rank Changes

Don't forget about the rank changes that took place on January 1 2010. They are outlined below. The new requirements are not in the old Scout Handbook. This does not mean that you do not have to complete the requirement. You can hand write them in so that you do not forget. If you have any questions, please ask.

Looking Ahead

April

- Kiowa Creek
- Scout Show
- Summer camp payment due (26th)
- Grant M. Eagle COH (10th)
- Mitchell B. Eagle COH (18th)

May

- Glenwood canyon

June

- Fishing trip
- Boundary Waters

July

- Summer camp
- National Jamboree

Committee Meeting Dates

The next Committee meeting will be on April 11 starting at 7:00PM.

Bulletin Board

Newsletter Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Dean S. no later than third week of the month! Please email your articles to Dean S.

Newsletter on the Web

The latest issue of the newsletter is always available online on our Troop website. Visit our website at:

<http://www.troop113bsa.org>

Advancement Contacts

Board of Reviews and Advancements - Mary K.

Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator - June T.

You can email anyone in the leadership team by using their last name in the Troop email address.

For example:
<lastname>@troop113bsa.org

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Monthly Troop Picture



This is the official logo for the Boy Scouts of America 100th year of scouting. It is such a great thing that scouting has lived this long in America without weakening, it has actually become much stronger. In the 100 years we have removed and added merit badges. We have also changed some of the requirements for receiving your rank. We may have changed a few things, but scouting is still a great way for boys to learn new and valuable skills for their future.

Diane B. has a pair of Hi-Tec hiking boots that she wants to give to a good home. They are a size 6 and they have only been used twice. Please see her if you are interested in them.

Monthly Scout Website Information

This will be the spot that will hold a monthly random Scout related website or information that is useful. If anyone has something good to submit, please let me know and I will add it to this section.

This a site dedicated to all Eagle Scouts.

<http://www.nesa.org/>

This site has a lot of things that are Scout related.

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

This is a site that has many Scout related tests. See how you do!

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/tests.asp>

This is the official web site for Scouting in the US.

<http://www.scouting.org/>

This is a good site to get information about songs for all Scouts

<http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/>

This website shows different Scout patches from around the world. Enjoy!

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

This is an article that has a lot of recipes for backpacking food that you can make at home, dehydrate, and take with you.

<http://www.backpackingchef.com/index.html>

This is an article about how to make an easy to use but functional Patrol Box for any size outing.

http://www.troop184.org.uk/patrol_box.htm

This is a good article for making a stave (walking stick) from some Scouts in Ireland.

<http://www.scouts.ie/scouts/programme-ideas/the-scout-stave/>

This is a site that has scanned a copy of a 1965 Boy Scout Handbook.

<http://chawedrosin.wordpress.com/2009/02/05/1965-boy-scout-handbook/>

This site has many songs that are for Scouts. Some in the MP3 format and others are the words to the song. Enjoy!

<http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/>

N.Y. Boy Scout earns all 121 merit badges

http://www.usatoday.com/news/offbeat/2008-12-29-merit-badges_N.htm?csp=34

eScrip Fundraiser Information



It's Easy! It's Free! It' Powerful!

Troop 113 has partnered with eScrip to help fundraiser for our scouts! eScrip partners with merchants (such as Safeway, Best Buy, Staples) to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop – at no cost to you! eScrip estimates the average family can earn around \$200 per year.

Registration is easy and quick! To sign-up select the link below and enter Troop 113 as our Group Name. Feel free to pass along to family and friends. There is no limit to the number of participants.

Registration Link

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>

Before registering, feel free to view the website and the available merchants.

Search online merchants

<http://shopping.escrip.com/cgi/shop.plx?pid=5400&sid=900556983>

Search restaurants

http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/index.jsp?zipcode=80015&exportedId=900556983&loginstate=true&_requestid=29186

If you have any questions about this program, please ask it of any of the adult leadership at the Monday night meetings.

2010 Rank Requirement Changes

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook will soon be available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010.

TENDERFOOT

- A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide, and enable). He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

SECOND CLASS

- A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.
- He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States.
- He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.
- He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.

FIRST CLASS

- An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.
- He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

LIFE

- A Scout must use the EDGE model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

STAR, LIFE, AND EAGLE

- Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/2010RankUpdates.aspx>

