

Troop 119 Current News (2/13/16)

High Adventure 2017

Following our Committee Meeting this past Thursday we have made a decision to perform our next high adventure trip in 2017. We are forming a high adventure committee that will begin meeting on a regularly basis to plan and execute this trip. If you are interested in serving on the High Adventure Committee please respond to this message and let me know what area(s) you are interested in. The three primary areas we have the need at least one primary responsible person are:

1. **Training:** Responsible for Training Calendar, Tracking, Reading List, and Instructor Coordination
2. **Administrative:** Responsible for Troop Tour Permit, Float Plan, Route Selection, Park Permits, Emergency Contact Roster, Risk Assessment, Safety Briefing, and Checklists.
3. **Logistics:** Responsible for Menu, Coordination w/Outfitter, Coordination w/Transportation, and Equipment (includes all procurement).

It would be nice to have two people serve on each so that if one is not available that the other person can continue performing the responsibility. Ultimately it would be nice to have six adult members serving on the Committee along with myself. One of our first orders of business will be to lock down a date. Some possible dates include: June 11-17, July 9-15, June 6-12 (TUE-MON). I attached a reservation form for all interested in attending. This trip will be limited to the first 25 reservations and is open to all Scouts that will be 14 years of age or older by June 1, 2017. Our current plan is to conduct the high adventure trip every two years to provide all Scouts two opportunities to go as Scouts. This is also a great opportunity for any of our Scouts that are now adult members to participate. All participants must be registered members of the Troop.

Senior Program

We are starting the senior program for Austin, Sebastian, and Russell and it will be held the second and third Tuesday of each month.

Soup Delivery

Our soup delivery is scheduled for tomorrow (SAT, 2/13/16) and we will need drivers to help deliver. Drivers must be 18 years of age. Drivers should meet at the Church at 9 AM.

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is 2/21/16. Scouts should report in full uniform at 9 AM.

Bob Beil Day

Tuesday, March 1 is Bob Beil Day. Interesting fact – Bob Beil has completed 48 continuous years of service and is the only member to be listed on every charter of the Troop since it was started in 1968. Keith Chapman has logged the next longest history in Troop 119 with 25 years.

March Committee Meeting

The next Troop Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7 PM.

March Campout

Our March Campout is 11-13 at Snyder's.

Crossover

We have a tentative date scheduled for the crossover of Webelos to the Troop on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the New Springfield Church of God during the Pack's annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Once we have a concrete time we will send out and would certainly appreciate all adult members and parents to come out and welcome the newest Scouts to the Troop.

Breakfast Fundraiser

Our breakfast fundraiser is Sunday March 20, 2016 at St. Paul's Church. This is an extremely important fundraiser for the Troop and goes to directly offset costs to summer camp including our bus transportation, which costs approximately \$1,100. This is a wonderful time to encourage extended family and friends to come out for a great breakfast.

Summer Camp

Reminder that summer camp reservation fee of \$50.00 is due on **March 1, 2016**. The only exception is for new Webelos Scouts. Summer Camp balance is due on **April 26, 2016** where the full balance will be due for Webelos Scouts. Our summer camp dates are June 26 to July 2, 2016.

Zion Church Table of Plenty

Zion Church requires our assistance on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to obtain service hours.

Scout T-Shirts

We will be ordering new Scout T-Shirts that will be free of charge this year. We will order in March to ensure they are here by early June.

Troop Dues

Troop Dues are now due at the first meeting in April (April 5, 2016). Dues remain \$40 per year. We will begin accepting dues now.

Troop Website

The Troop Website remains current with all photos uploaded.

Troop Elections

Adam VanTassel was elected as the Troop Senior Patrol Leader and Maxwell Seymour is the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Adam has already established a great mechanism to keep everyone current with announcements using a phone app. We will also use the website to post Troop updates.