

TROOP 226 UPDATE



December 22, 2011

OUR NEXT CAMPS

include our annual **FATHER - SON CAMP**, to be held at the Beaumont Scout Reservation over the weekend of January 6-8, and our **POLAR BEAR CAMP** on Feb 11-12.

Father-Son Camp is set up in a flexible manner so those fathers who work odd hours or weekends can share some time with their sons. For those dads who are new to the Troop, this is a great cabin camp with your sons. Please see the enclosed sign-up sheet for this camp. **The reservation form must be returned with payments for each participant by Tuesday, Jan 3rd. Please mail the form and payment to Mr. Youngstein or bring it to the meeting on Jan 3rd.** If Scouts do not have a Father or significant male in their household, or if their father is unable to come, they may still attend this camp, but you must let the Scoutmaster know.

Our four-week Polar Bear training program will allow almost every Scout to safely enjoy the out-of-doors for this unique backpack-type camp. For Scouts 8th grade and above, we may be offering a winter camp in the Allegheny National Forest instead of the regular Polar Bear Camp. Each boy will be getting special written information as well. **Watch for it!!**

SCOUT COOKING BUILDS TEAMWORK

We spend a lot of time cooking at camp! Breakfasts and dinners are usually cooked, and often lunch is as well. Lighting the fire, figuring out the procedures, cooking the meal, and doing a good dish-washing all take teamwork and practice. Once you've put out a good meal, cooked over charcoal, for 8 people, you've had to be a good, participating team member.

That's why we don't eat at dining halls. There's simply no teamwork practice if you don't cook your own meals!

SOME SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

will be taking place during the next few weeks. See meetings marked *** below. Some activities will be held in different locations and some will occur on different days. **Please read the schedule carefully and look for more information coming.**

WINTER COURT OF HONOR

Once again we are proud to distribute hard earned merit badges, rank advancements, and many special awards to boys at our winter **Court of Honor** on **Sunday afternoon, Feb 19th at Strongsville United Methodist Church.**

We are also most pleased to present the Eagle rank, the highest award in Scouting, to veteran Scouts **Ryan Lawler, Matt Riegelsberger, Mark Riegelsberger and Nate Smith** at the upcoming ceremony.

Our Courts of Honor are geared not only for the many Scouts who are receiving awards, but also for their parents. Newer Scouts and their parents find that attending a Court of Honor helps show them the many things in our Scouting program that they can look forward to. Courts of Honor also help to motivate boys to keep working on Scout advancement.

We look forward to seeing all our Scouts and their families at the upcoming **Winter Eagle Court of Honor, Sunday, February 19th.**

NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE COMING IN 2013

If you son will be an 8th or 9th grader during the summer of 2013, he might be interested in attending the National Jamboree which will be held at the newest national high adventure base – The Summit Bechtel Reserve – in West Virginia. A National Jamboree is always fun, and this one promises to have even more activities and strenuous fun than previous ones. You can get a taste of what's to come at www.scouting.org and then click on the Jamboree section.

HAVE ANY ADVANCEMENT LEFT?

Does your son have just a little bit left to do for a merit badge or a rank advancement? We'd like to see several of our boys - particularly those who are now First Class - finish the merit badge or two needed for Star. **When vacation time lies heavy on everyone's hands, encourage your son to finish a Scouting requirement!!**

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Uniform

Tues, Jan 3 – Uniform Troop Meeting - Father-Son Camp Fees Final Due Date

Fri-Sun - Jan 6-8 - FATHER-SON CAMP - BEAUMONT RESERVATION

Tues, Jan 10 - Troop Meeting - Polar Bear Instruction Session 1

Uniform

Tues, Jan 17 – Uniform Troop Meeting – Polar Bear Instruction Session 2

Tues, Jan 24 – High Adventure Crew Meetings at Church

Thurs - Jan 26 - Tobogganing Night – Meet at Metroparks Chalet at 7:15 pm – Webelos Included

Sun – Jan 29- Scout Sunday - 9:15 a.m. at the Methodist Church

Tues, Jan 31 - Advancement Night for Scouts below First Class and Boards of Review

Tues, Feb 7 – Troop Meeting - Pack for Polar Bear - Fees Due - *Polar Bear Campers Only*

Fri-Sun - Feb 11-12- POLAR BEAR CAMP – BUTLER SCOUT RESERVATION

Uniform

Tues, Feb 14 – Uniform Troop Meeting - Guest Speaker

Uniform

Sun – Feb 19 - EAGLE COURT OF HONOR – 4:00 pm - UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YELLOW MEANS VISITORS / WEBELOS FOCUSED TROOP MEETINGS

Denotes special or off-site meeting

Troop 226 Calendar - January 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Unif Mtg (1) | 4 | 5 | 6 Camping (2) | 7 Camping (2) |
| 8 Camping (2) | 9 | 10 Meeting (3) | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Unif Mtg (4) | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 High Adv (5) | 25 | 26 Activity (6) | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Sc Sunday (7) | 30 | 31 Adv Night (8) | | | | |

| # | Date | Time | Level | Type | Location | Remarks |
|-----|----------|--------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| (1) | 01/03/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Unif Mtg | Church | Uniformed Troop Meeting * All Scouts should report in Full Class 'A' Uniform Tonight * Father-Son Camp Fees due tonight if not already paid * Packing lists distributed tonight or can be downloaded at www.troop226ohio.org/packlist.pdf |
| (2) | 01/06/12 | 7:00p-9:30a | Troop | Camping (2.0 Nights) | Beaumont Scout Reservation | Father-Son Camp * All campers report to Cabin #2 first for lodging assignment * Please do not leave home before 7:00 pm on Friday evening |
| (3) | 01/10/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Meeting | Church | Polar Bear Instruction #1 |
| (4) | 01/17/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Unif Mtg | Church | Polar Bear Instruction #2 * Tonight's meeting is a full Class 'A' uniform meeting. All Scouts should report properly dressed. |
| (5) | 01/24/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | High Adv | Church | High Adventure Meetings * All members of our three high adventure crews will have meetings at the church tonight * No meeting tonight for other Scouts. See Tobogganing on Thursday! |
| (6) | 01/26/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Activity | Metroparks Toboggan Chalet | Scout & Webelo Tobogganing Night * Meet at the Chalet in the Strongsville Metroparks, and have parents pickup there as well. * See flyer passed out last week or view it on our web page for details - www.troop226ohio.org/specialevent.pdf |
| (7) | 01/29/12 | 9:15a-10:30a | Troop | Sc Sunday | Church | Scout Sunday * Please meet the Scoutmaster at 9:15 in the Worship Center of the United Methodist Church. * Sunday Best Civies are the uniform of the morning. |
| (8) | 01/31/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Adv Night | Church | Advancement Night * Those Scouts who are not yet First Class and those needing Boards of Review should attend tonight. * Older Scouts working on a merit badge should attend tonight and bring all their materials * Tonight is the last acceptance of Advancement to be awarded at the Winter Court of Honor. |

Troop 226 Calendar - February 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Meeting (9) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Camping (10) |
| 12 Camping (10) | 13 | 14 Unif Mtg (11) | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 COH (12) | 20 | 21 No Mtg (13) | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |

| # | Date | Time | Level | Type | Location | Remarks |
|------|----------|-------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------|---|
| (9) | 02/07/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Meeting | Church | Polar Bear Instruction #3 * \$25.00 camp fees are due for Polar Bear tonight. * Packing lists will be distributed tonight or is available on our web page at www.troop226ohio.org/packlist.pdf |
| (10) | 02/11/12 | | Troop | Camping (1.0 Nights) | Various Depending on Crews | Polar Bear Camp |
| (11) | 02/14/12 | 7:15p-8:45p | Troop | Unif Mtg | Church | Uniformed Troop Meeting * All Scouts should report in full Class 'A' Uniform tonight. |
| (12) | 02/19/12 | 3:45p-6:00p | Troop | COH | Church | Winter/Eagle Court of Honor * All Scouts and their families should be at the church at 3:45 pm in full Class 'A' uniform. * All awards earned since the Fall Court of Honor will be distributed at this ceremony. |
| (13) | 02/21/12 | | Troop | No Mtg | | |