

April 2015 - Troop 157 Newsletter



Dates to Remember:

April 25 th	Bird Cleaner Fund Raiser at Wild Birds Unlimited from 9:00 - 5:00
April 26 th	Troop Meeting and OA Elections at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30 pm
May 7 th	Patrol Leader Conference at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 7:00 pm
May 8th - 9 th	Railroad Camporee in Boone
May 10 th	Mother's Day
May 17 th	Ditch Clean-Up @ 3:00 pm
May 17 th	Troop Meeting at Lutheran Church @ 4:30

March 24th Committee Meeting Attendees:

Bryan Bradley, Joe Baumgarten, Rachel and Randy Breyfogle, Rick Smith, Karin Werner, Mark Weber and Kent Nicholson

Committee Meeting Minutes:

Bird Feeder Clean-out Fund Raiser

Here's a great opportunity to earn money for your personal troop account! Location: Wild Birds Unlimited in Ames (on Duff Ave. between the RR tracks and Lincoln Way). 100% of what you earn goes into your own troop account (historically you earn approximately \$8/hour). Parents who work can either have the money go to their son's account or their very own troop account. We need all-hands-on-deck at this project. The project starts at 9:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm. We have 3 shifts planned, but will take any and all help. Lunch will be provided.

Community Center Display

We are still hoping to have a Troop 157 display at the new Gilbert Community Center. Stay tuned for news....

Patrol Leader Conference

A conference was held, work was done and plans were made.

Summer Camp at Mitigwa

It's not too late to sign up, just let Tracy Porter know which merit badges you would like to sign up for. It's going to be a fun week! July 5th to the 11th are the dates this year. If you are interested in attending camp for only part of the week and work on just one merit badge, that's fine too. We have 19 scouts signed up so far.

Swim Test

Perhaps Julie Pike will take a lead on arranging the 2 opportunities for the Scouts to take the swim test prior to summer camp.

Congratulations

Lawrence Vander Werff, David Zenor and Trev Brandenburg have all earned employment at Camp Mitigwa this summer. Great job guys!

St. Louis Trip

July 10th - 14th. We currently have 19 people and at least 6 adults attending this trip. Please let either Karin Werner or Tammy Nicholson (Trip Planning Goddesses) know if you want to go. Remember all family members are welcome to attend. It's going to be a blast (milk might even shoot out of your nose!).

Railroad Camporee in Boone

May 9th. Tracy Porter recently sent out an e-mail on this event. Please check it out for more information.

CPR Training

We are getting close to having the details worked out for this important training. Stay tuned for news.... Thanks Randy for working to arrange this training.

Religious Emblems

We discussed the organization needed to help scouts earn this learning achievement. As a troop we support this and will work to help scouts get connected with a mentor/educator at their church. This was presented at the Court of Honor and a number of scouts seemed interested.

Gilbert Days

July 25th. The troop will be running the dunk tank at this event which will not only be fun but earn money for the troop and the individual scout accounts.

Contact with Scouts

We discussed ways to touch base with scouts who have not been active recently to encourage them to start participating again.

Violence Prevention

June 7th. Rick Smith presented on training opportunities for violence prevention training. This is a program out of the Center for Violence Prevention at the University of Northern Iowa that is being used with success at ISU. This training can be tailored to our meet our needs to cover issues relating to bullying, gender issues, respect, sexual harassment, and cyber issues.

Merit Badge University at ISU

November 2015. This looks like it's coming back! Stay tuned for news...

Maquoketa Caves Trip

Didn't happen. We will try again later this summer.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Welcome to the troop, David Harper, Ben Whitt and Camden Fergen!

Big Hero 6

May 16th. The next PLC will do some planning for an event that includes attending the movie Big Hero 6 at Jack Trice Stadium.

A Scout is obedient.