

## April 2016 - Troop 157 Newsletter



### **Dates to Remember:**

April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mining Camporee at Martin Marietta Mine just north of Ames
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Free Day at Living History Farms
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Patrol Leaders Council at GLC @ 6:00 pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dolliver State Park Campout
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Committee Meeting at GLC @ 7:00 pm
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Special Olympics at Hilton Coliseum @ 6:00 pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave at Camp Mitigwa
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ditch Clean-Up Service Project @ 3:00 pm
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Flag Placement (Gilbert and Ames)

### **Committee Meeting Minutes:**

#### Newest Eagle Scout

David Zenor – congratulations David!

#### May 1 Free Day at Living History Farms

Living History Farms: "We'd like to say thank you to all the youth groups and organizations that have supported programming at the Farms over the years. We are offering free admission on opening day, Sunday, May 1 for any youth in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, or FFA. Simply wear your uniform or present a membership ID to receive free admission. Group leaders will also be admitted at no charge."

#### Mining Camporee and Mining Merit Badge (April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>)

Recommendation that the group meets at the church at 6:20 am Saturday morning. The group attending includes: Adults: Randy, Bill, & Bruce Scouts: Zach, Matthew K., Trev, Jace, Nate, Isaiah, Seth, Kyle, Brock, Bram & Ryan. Please make payment of \$20 to the troop if you have not already done so. Please coordinate with the adults chaperoning the event. An adult will need to attend with Ryan on Friday night for PLC—the troop will need to check in and get registered on Friday for the event.

#### Summer Camp Planning

Send merit badge requests to Tracy

#### Gilbert Days

Tracy attended the last planning meeting and will report back. Dates for Gilbert Days are July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The troop will have a dunk tank again.

#### Dolliver Campout in May

The group site is reserved. Stay tuned for news....

#### Special Olympics Flag Ceremony May 19

Please plan to attend to meaningful event in your Class A uniform.

### Memorial Day Flag Placement

We will work to get enough scouts to place flags at both the Gilbert and Ames cemeteries. We will make sure the Gilbert cemetery has flags placed.

### Recruiting Activity Ideas

The district will assist in promoting recruitment activity. Ideas?

How can current scouts be incorporated into recruiting? Several current members are out for various sports--soccer, baseball, football--is there a way to show younger scouts that you can be involved in sports and still be in scouts at one of these events?

### Order of the Arrow Opportunities

There will be a Spring Conclave May 20th - 22th at Camp Mitigwa.

### Future Forest Program

The PLC is discussing starting a program with the DNR to get a block of trees and each Scout be responsible for finding a place to plant the trees and care for them. This is part of the Forestry Merit Badge. The Troop will be sponsoring 2 trees. The DNR offers of a block of 250 seedlings for approximately \$120 and we could contact them and try to work out a better deal or contact local organizations to contribute the trees. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the planting day at Camp Mitigwa. The troop donated \$200 to this effort.

### Summer Camp at Mitigwa Planning

We will be going to Camp Mitigwa this summer from July 3rd to July 9th. Please be thinking about this opportunity and if you plan to participate.

### Gilbert days

The Troop will be participating in this event this year. More news to come.

### Troop 157 High Adventure Trip

The Baumgarten and Nicholson families will be leading the planning efforts for this trip to the Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base. <http://www.rmcbasa.org/RMHAB/>

If you are interested in participating, we may still be able to get you in the fun.

### Community Center Display

Plans are going forward with construction of a 6" deep display case that will be open to Scouts and other organizations. I volunteered scout and parent time to stain etc. It will match the firefighter display case up there now and will be built by Tim Morrow. Details will be provided as they become available.

### Court of Honor Report

A good time was had by all. Tracy and Kent will have to do a rematch sausage and gravy competition...maybe upcoming camping activity?

Scouting for food report – Brock, Bram, Anthony, Brett, and Tracy assisted the Pack in this activity.

Other Committee member reports: No other Religious emblems have been earned. Last big push was during Scout week in February.

OA news (from Seth): Section Conclave was held April 15-17 at Camp Mitigwa. Seth attended. "It was a fantastic time to spend learning about the Order of the Arrow and to learn about the OA beyond the Mitigwa Lodge. This was the first time in a long time that the Section Conclave was hosted at

Mitigwa and it was very well run." Spring Conclave is May 20-22. As many OA scouts as possible should show up to this event. Also, if any want to get involved in ceremony teams, come to the meetings 7 pm. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Oakwood Church.

Bird Feeder Cleaning Report

Thank you to all who participated! The day went smoothly and the weather was beautiful!

*A Scout is Obedient.*