

February 2015 - Troop 157 Newsletter



Dates to Remember:

February 21 st	Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby and Girl Scout's Pinewood Derby
February 22 nd	Troop Meeting and Elections at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30
February 22 nd	Open Gym at the Gilbert Elementary 6:30 - 8:00 pm
March 1 st	Open Gym at the Gilbert Elementary 6:30-8:00
March 5 th	Patrol Leaders Council at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 7:00 pm
March 8 th	Troop Meeting at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30
March 8 th	Open Gym at the Gilbert Elementary 6:30-8:00
March 13 th -22 nd	Spring Break!!!
March 15 th	Open Gym at the Gilbert Elementary 6:30-8:00
March 22 nd	Open Gym at the Gilbert Elementary 6:30-8:00
March 24 th	Troop Committee Meeting @ 7:00 (Location TBD)

Attendees:

Tracy (just a flesh wound) Porter, Bryan Bradley, Duane Vander Werff, Randy Breyfogle, Doug Stoehr, Karin Werner Mark Weber, and Kent Nicholson

Committee Meeting Minutes:

McHose Campout

A lot of good sledding was had and only one broken bone (nice Tracy). The adults won the cooking contest!

Eagle Merit Badges

Scouts working on the Family Life, Personal Management and Personal Fitness, please keep working on these and try to keep an eye on the e-mails regarding these badges.

Winter Survival Training at ISU

Thanks Duane for coordinating this for the troop and herding Graham and Nate along as they successfully completed this excellent training. A big thanks to Col. Rick Smith and his staff at the ISU ROTC!

Bird Feeder Clean-Out Fund Raiser

We are coordinating the spring feeder clean-out project. The date will be in April 25th at Wild Birds Unlimited in Ames. Please note that adults who work at this project are also earning money for their son's Boy Scout account. This has been a success, but we really need to increase our turn-out of scouts and adults this spring or we will lose this opportunity. Basically, there are so many feeders that we need more volunteers to get all the work done in one reasonable length of time.

Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge

There is one more opening for this opportunity, let Bryan know if you are interested. Dave Hyman of Ames Jiffy Lube will be conducting this training from 9:00 - 11:00 on Saturday, February 21st (at Jiffy Lube).

Pinewood Derby and Girl Scout's Pinewood Derby

Thanks to Scouts who will be helping at the Cub Scout and Girl Scout Pinewood Derby on February 21st.

Gilbert Community Center

We are working to see if Troop 157 can have a small display at the new community center. We are also gathering information about the rules for using the space.

Camp Cards

We will not be selling camp cards this year.

Summer Camp

Look for the Tracy Porter's recent e-mail regarding summer camp opportunities. Let Tracy know which merit badges you would like to request.

Mall of America Trip

Cancelled. There were scheduling conflicts and general lack of interest. Possible replacement activities will be discussed at the meeting on February 22nd.

St. Louis Summer Trip

A planning committee is being formed now to plan this most excellent event. Please let Karin Werner or Tammy Nicholson know if you want to help plan this trip and/or if you plan to attend.

Round Table Report

Mark Weber gave a report from the Council's round table meeting. March 22nd will be a Scouting Day at the Iowa Wild Hockey Game. The game is at 3:00 and includes fun events before and after the hockey game. For more information, contact Eric Grundfast at eric.grundfast@iowawild.com.

Summer Camp T-Shirts

We will be pursuing the special Mitigwa t-shirts for camp this year that have our troop number on them. We have until May 5th to place our order. Stay tuned for news.

Mid-Iowa Council Railroad Camporee

This awesome event will be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds from May 8th to 10th. This event costs \$22 and covers camping at the fairgrounds, camporee patch, lunch and all of the necessary RR merit badge gear. The Mid-Iowa Council website has all of the details about this event. There will be discussion at the Troop meetings and we will sign up as a group (do not sign up on your own).

A Scout is Courteous.