

January 2016 - Troop 157 Newsletter



Dates to Remember:

January 23 rd	Winter Survival Training at ISU
January 24 th	Weather Merit Badge Workshop badge at the Porter's house (3826 Berkshire Ave.) from 1:30-4:00pm
January 24 th	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
February 6 th	Klondike Derby
February 7 th	Scouting Sunday
February 7 th	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
February 10 th	Ash Wednesday
February 12 th -14 th	Campout at McHose Park
February 16 th	Troop Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm

January 19th Committee Meeting Attendees:

Joe Baumgarten, Rachel and Randy Breyfogle, Mark Weber, Doug Stoehr, Bryan Bradley, Tracy Porter, Duane Vander Werff and Kent Nicholson

Committee Meeting Minutes:

Patrol Leader Conference

The PLC met on 1/10/2016. Attendees: David Zenor, Laurence Vander Werff, Bram Janvrin, Ryan Meehan, Kyle Grossnickle and Nate Vander Werff, Duane Vander Werff, and Bryan Bradley. Planning was completed for the January 24th, February 7th, and February 21st meetings. Here is a summary of the main agenda items for these meeting:

January 24th

Reports from recent events-Underwood Campout and Winter Survival, Weather Merit Badge.
Upcoming Event reminders-Klondike Derby, Scout Sunday, Pinewood/Powder Puff Derby, *STEM program*
Program-Work on new Cyber Chit requirement-Mathew Lenner
Patrols meetings- discuss plans for upcoming meeting programs
February meeting programs by Three Musketeers Patrol theme Business. Discuss contacting business professionals about visiting a business or coming to a meeting to discuss operation of a business
March meeting programs by Cougar Patrol theme Hiking

February 7th Reports from recent events-Klondike Derby, Pinewood/Powderpuff Derby

Upcoming Events-McHose Campout Program-Business Issues
Stocks and Bonds-Ryan Credit/Debit Cards-Mathew
Patrol meetings-plan campout, continue discussions of upcoming meeting programs.

February 21st

Reports on recent events-McHose Campout Upcoming Events
Program-Elections Personal Finance activity-Lori Vander Werff
Mortgages-Kyle Patrol Meetings

Merit Badges

Please let us know if you need help finishing the three merit badges we started at troop meetings last year (Personal Management, Family Life, Communications).

Troop workouts

The troop has the elementary school gym reserved during the winter months on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to work on the physical fitness merit badge of just have some fun and get some exercise.

Here is a list of adult volunteers who will be at the gym:

- 1/24 - Leo Timms and Tom Samson
- 1/31 - Dana Leners and Lori or Brian Fergen
- 2/7 - empty
- 2/14 - Danette Grossnickle and LeAnn Meehan
- 2/21 - Brian or Lori Fergen
- 2/28 - empty
- 3/6 - Danette Grossnickle and LeAnn Meehan

Pinewood and Powderpuff Derbies

Three scouts have answered the call to volunteer at the PWD (Nate, Camden, and Kenyon). The Ames/Gilbert Girl Scouts are also looking for volunteers to assist with the Powderpuff Derby on February 6th at Gilbert Middle School immediately following the PWD. Volunteers needed to announce the racers and the event--possibly one that needs this for Communications merit badge, and to serve as race runners moving the cars to the on deck area etc. Volunteers may also help set up/tear down on Friday and Saturday. Service and silver cord hours will be awarded. Please register using this link.https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gH_HttxsBdnO-12k4jjodIPJKuFBo181SMRzShNjWsI/viewform

Winter Survival Training

Winter survival training will be held January 23, 2016 from 8:30-5 at the ROTC Armory on ISU campus. Registration is on an individual basis.

STEM Workshop – January 24, 2016

The Troop is offering the opportunity to complete the Weather merit badge at the Porter's house (3826 Berkshire Ave.) from 1:30-4:00pm. Rides should be available to get boys up to the meeting at GLC after. Thanks to Jennifer Smalley for serving as our STEM coordinator.

McHose Campout - February 12-14, 2016

McHose Park is on the western edge of Boone. Our main event will be sledding at Don Williams Park and enjoying the winter season. Please let us know if you are interested in attending some or all of this campout.

Religious Emblems Update

This emblem/award has been available all along for Boy Scouts. Recently the Mid-Iowa Council has revisited this and has encouraged troops, scouts and scouters to earn this award as it relates to the Scout Oath and Scout Law. This emblem is one of 3 awards that can be worn through adulthood in

scouting. The other 2 are Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout. The award itself is earned through the individual scout's church or religious institution. It is designed to encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. According to the Boy Scout's website, the various religious groups administer the programs. The materials used are the *Duty to God* program are through the P.R.A.Y. website and are also through the local scout shop. It is also divided into different age levels to best fit your needs. This can take up to 6-9 months to complete, but can be tailored to meet individual needs (i.e. recently confirmed, soon ready to be confirmed).

Scout Sunday is February 7th, 2016. It is an opportunity to recognize those in your congregations/ membership that are involved in Scouting. Here is an excerpt from Boy Scouts of America website: The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day. Here is also the link from the Boy Scouts of America with more information in regards to reverence and Scout Sunday Observance (may have to copy/paste to your browser):

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx?SRC=ET&ET_CID=ET_5731_101882_ScoutSunday_01042016&Page=http%3a%2f%2fwww.scouting.org%2fscoutsourc%2fMedia%2fRelationships%2fascoutisreverent.aspx&ET_RID=&gen_cid=37232203&gen_rid=1438467096

Order of the Arrow Opportunity

There is a one-time event this year at the Summit Bechtel Reserve for OA! It is called Prism. It is a four-day, three-night experience at SBR in West Virginia. The Scott Summit Circle is the relocated original ceremony site from Treasure Island. Every piece of the site has been relocated to SBR, reconstructed and combined with the rocks sent by our current and historical lodges. Each lodge, including Mitigwa Lodge, has been allocated 8 tickets. The ticket cost is \$180 and includes seven meals, tents, cots, program materials and a commemorative patch.

There are seven different weeks available.

June 19-22

June 22-25

June 26-29

June 29-July 2

July 3-6

July 6-9

July 13-16

Registration is by individual. You must be a registered member of BSA and current on lodge dues for 2016. You are responsible for your own transportation and any other necessities. The lodge will only be distributing the tickets that are requested. Youth and adults are all welcome to sign up. If you are interested in a ticket, please contact your lodge chief, David Konfrst, at mitigwachief@gmail.com by January 30. Registration information will be on the ticket. Individual registration must be completed by February 5. After that date, the unclaimed spots will go into a special drawing at prism.oa-bsa.org. Questions may be directed to David or to Dana Danks, Lodge Adviser, at danadanks@gmail.com. In the case of more than 8 requests, a drawing will be held on January 31 with results emailed on the same date to those in the drawing. Please make sure you are able to attend

before requesting a ticket. If you find you cannot attend, let us know so we can give that spot to someone else before February 5.

Troop 157 Summer 2016 High Adventure Trip

January 25th is the due date to, please, respond to Bryan's e-mail. Here's that e-mail:

Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2016 11:24 PM

Subject: Summer high adventure trips - please reply by 1/25

Hi all, here goes my attempt at figuring out what we are going to do this summer. The planning meeting produced 3 options, all with their positives, all great experiences.

1. Boundary Waters 8 day 7 night excursion out of Gunflint area. Estimated cost: \$450 per person
Must be 13 before start and at least First Class.

Canoeing round trip carry everything needed with you.

<http://www.gunflintoutfitters.com/index.php>

Can be in June or after summer camp late July, better chance for less bugs earlier but you never know.

2. Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base 8 day 7 night, might need extra travel day.

Estimated cost: \$600

Must be 13 by Jan 1, 2016 or finished 7th grade this year

White water rafting, climbing, biking - see the website for more info

<http://www.rmcbasa.org/RMHAB/>

[RMHAB Week 1](#) (Jun 12-18, 2016) Through [RMHAB Week 7](#) (Jul 24-30, 2016)

3. Spend 5 days in Northeast Iowa around the Maquoketa cave area (similar to Root River area 2 years age)

Estimated cost: \$180

Siblings and family units are welcome.

So we as a Troop can do all three if there are enough interested adults and Scouts. People can do all 3 if they wish. There is the week of summer camp to work around July 3 - July 9.

We need to know with a fair confidence if you/your scout want to participate to determine which ones we will do this summer. If there are schedule restrictions let me know so I can work that into the equation. We should be able to schedule one or two before and one or two after summer camp. **Please reply if you are not interested also.**

Please put your scouts name at a minimum and adults or other family members that are interested next to one line below.

Would like to attend Boundary waters only:

Would like to attend Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base (RMHAB) only:

Would like to attend Maquoketa area trip only:

Would like to attend Boundary Waters and RMHAB:

Would like to attend RMHAB and Maquoketa area trip:

Would like to attend Boundary waters and Maquoketa trip:

Would like to attend all 3 trips:

Will not be able to attend any trips this summer:

Please reply by January 25th. I will send out the hounds to track you down if I don't get a response from every family!

Philmont 2017 Trip

Please let Bryan know if you are interested in attending this major trip. The following are the scouts committed to going on the trip: Zach, Lawerence, Trev, Jace and Ryan.

Volunteer Needed

We will be looking for a volunteer to be our reservation-tsar. The sole responsibility is making reservations for camp sites and camping events. Please help.

Klondike Derby at Camp Matigwa

Register now for the 2016 Broken Arrow District Klondike Derby. The registration page contains a link to a flyer detailing all the station events and required equipment lists. You can find the link at: <http://midiowacouncilbsa.doubleknot.com/event/broken-arrow-klondike-derby-2016/1846850>

Underwood Campout Report

7 scouts attended this fun event. We did 2 hours of sledding and hockey/soccer at McFarland Park and ga-ga ball in the loft. Thanks to Roger and Connie Underwood for hosting.

February Troop Meeting Theme

Business and Personal Management

OA Elections

The election will be held before April 2016.

A Scout is Reverent.