

# March 2015 - Troop 157 Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember:

March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop at Perfect Games in Ames @ 4:30
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Patrol Leader Conference at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 7:00
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scouting for Food
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting and Court of Honor at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30 Food Theme: Fruit Fun
April 17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Maquoketa Caves Campout
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Blue & Gold Banquet and Crossover
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bird Cleaner Fund Raiser at Wild Birds Unlimited from 9:00 - 5:00
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting and OA Elections at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Patrol Leader Conference at Gilbert Lutheran Church @ 4:30
May 8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Railroad Camporee in Boone

## March 24<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Attendees:

Doug Stoehr, Duane Vander Werff, Julie Pike, Tracy Porter, Karin Werner, Rachel and Randy Breyfogle, Joe Baumgarten, Mark Weber and Kent Nicholson

## Committee Meeting Minutes:

### Congratulations

Both David Zenor and Lawrence Vander Werff have been selected to be on camp staff at Camp Mitigwa this summer.

### March 29th Workshop

There will be a workshop this coming Sunday starting at 4:30 pm at Perfect Games in Ames. This is a great opportunity to finish up your merit badges and rank advancements before the Court of Honor.

### Fire Station and Community Center Grand Opening

Thanks to all of the Scouts how worked at this event. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

### Climb Iowa March 7th

We had a lot of fun and did a lot of climbing. There was plenty of room and had no delays which allowed the group to climb non-stop.

### Physical Fitness/Open Gym

Just a reminder, this Sunday there will be another physical fitness opportunity at the Elementary School.

### Bird Feeder Cleaning 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.

### Maquoketa Cave Campout

We will make this popular event happen. There was some discussion about making this a 1-day event (one long day). 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). We need at least two adults to coordinate the attendance of this camporee. We need to register our troop by early April if there are scouts interested in attending. Watch for an email and reply if interested

### Religious Emblem Coordinator

The district coordinator will provide a brief presentation at our upcoming Court of Honor.

### St. Louis Summer Trip

Stay tuned to the e-mail regarding this trip and let either Karin Werner or Tammy Nicholson know if you want additional information or want to sign-up.

### Summer Camp

If you haven't already, please provide Tracy Porter with your interest for merits badges for summer camp. The sooner you do this, the more likely you will get your preferred choices.

### Scout Vehicle License Plate

These are now an option through the Department of Transportation to purchase a license plate with a BSA emblem and the text "Prepared. For Life.". More information about this will be available at the upcoming Court of Honor.

### CPR and First Aid Training

Randy has gathered information for our upcoming CPR and first aid certification training, thanks! We will be scheduling this training and communicating more information. The certificate will be good for 2 years and provide the Scout with a significant amount adult and child CPR and first aid, including use of the AED. Adults may attend for certification, also. The cost will be covered by the Troop.

### Gilbert Days July 25th

The Troop has been approached about working at a dunk-tank during this event. This would be a fund raiser for the troop and could be a lot of fun. We are leaning toward doing this but we need to work out a few details before confirming.

### Digital Backpack

Thanks to Joe Baumgarten a permanent link to our troop website is now part of the digital backpack initiative through Gilbert Community Schools.

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