

March 2016 - Troop 157 Newsletter



Dates to Remember:

March 26 th	Tactical Laser Tag in Des Moines
March 27 th	Easter
April 3 rd	Workshop at Perfect Games in Ames @ 4:30 pm
April 9 th	Scouting for Food
April 16 th	Bird Feeder Cleaning Fund Raiser at Wild Birds Unlimited in Ames (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)
April 17 th	Troop Meeting and Court of Honor at GLC @ 4:30 pm
April 17 th	Patrol Leaders Council at GLC @ 6:00 pm
April 19 th	Troop Committee Meeting at GLC @ 7:00 pm
April 29 th	Campout at Riverwood (North of Ames)
April 30 th	Mining Camporee at Martin Marietta Mine just north of Ames
May 1 st	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
May 1 st	Patrol Leaders Council at GLC @ 6:00 pm

March 22nd Committee Meeting Attendees:

Julie Pike, Randy Breyfogle, Mark Weber, Doug Stoehr, Tracy Porter and Kent Nicholson

Committee Meeting Minutes:

PLC Update

- Theme for May: environment
- Court of Honor food theme: *Fun with Breakfast*
- With the Colorado High Adventure trip in July instead of June we will be planning a June campout to Pine Lake in Eldora that will include biking/kayaking/fishing & caving.
- Will try to add organized Patrol meetings to the end of each Troop meeting to help with planning the patrol guided parts of the Troop meetings.

Cub Scouts Crossing over to Troop 157 = 0

We have no new Cub Scouts crossing over to the Troop this spring. This is a potential problem for Troop 157 in the future if this trend continues. One idea to increase recruitment that was discussed is to develop a stronger relationship with the Cubs Scouts by developing a few Scouts who could regularly participate in Cub Scout meeting/activities. These new positions are called Den Chiefs.

Troop Workouts

There will be no troop work Sunday March 27th for the observance of Easter. There will be no more official workouts planned, but of course we encourage anyone working on this to complete the effort and finalize the progress log.

Fun Day Activity (March 26th)

Laser Tag in Des Moines at Escape Chamber (www.escapechambers.com). We plan to meet at 10:45 am at the Holiday Inn Express on 13th Street. Our laser tag reservation is at noon, and we will play 90 minutes. The cost is \$30 and is non-refundable. There is a waiver on their website (link above) that must be completed prior to play.

Troop Workshop (April 3rd)

The workshop will be at Perfect Games in Ames starting at 4:30. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Court of Honor on April 17th.

Scouting for Food (April 9th)

This event will be in Gilbert from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. More information to come.

Troop Meeting and Court of Honor (April 17th)

Note that this is a new date. We moved the date from April 10th to April 17th. The theme for the meal for the Court of Honor will be Fun with Breakfast.

Bird Feeder Cleaning Fund Raiser (April 16th)

Please plan to attend this great opportunity to raise money for your personal Troop 157 bank account. This event will be at Wild Birds Unlimited in Ames on April 16th. The event will begin at 9:00 am and may run as late as 5:00 pm. We will like to have as many Scouts as possible plan for 2 hour time slots. Lunch will be provided.

Mining Camporee and Mining Merit Badge (April 29th and 30th)

Campout at Riverwood Friday night April 29th and then the Mining Camporee at Martin Marietta Mine north of Ames (where the scouts will earn the mining merit badge) on April 30th. We will not be camping on Saturday night.

Order of the Arrow Opportunities

- There will be a Section Conclave at Camp Mitigwa that has to be signed up by March 28th. The event will be April 15th - 17th.
- 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.

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. Information regarding the available merit badges and activities will be sent out soon. Look for an e-mail from your trusty Scout Master in the very near future.

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.rmcsa.org/RMHAB/>

Philmont 2017

We have a full crew for this trip (2 adults and 9 scouts).

Future Fun

October 7th - 9th at Camp Mitigwa will be Scout Jam celebrating 100 years of Camp Mitigwa.

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