

# November 2015 - Troop 157 Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember:

November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Campout at the 40 and 8 Cabin
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Eagle Bound Merit Badge Workshop at GLC @ 1:00
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sky Zone Fun Night in Grimes (evening event)
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop at Perfect Games @ 4:30 pm
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser 5:00 - 9:00 pm
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Christmas Party
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas

## November 17<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Attendees:

Duane Vander Werff, Bryan Bradley, Mark Weber, Cara Brandenburg, Julie Pike, Tracy Porter, Doug Stoehr, Randy Breyfogle, Seth Breyfogle and Kent Nicholson

## Committee Meeting Minutes:

### November Campout: 40 and 8 Cabin

The November campout will be from Friday the 20th to Sunday morning at the 40 and 8 cabin just north east of Gilbert. The Webelos may visit on Saturday so we will set up a number of activities (tomahawks, paintball, etc.) for everyone to enjoy.

### Eagle Bound Merit Badge Workshop

We will be having a merit badge workshop on November 29th at the Gilbert Lutheran Church. The workshop will begin at 1:00 pm and we will work on this until the regular meeting at 4:30. We will soon let everyone know which merit badge is planned to be the focus on this workshop.

### Advancement Changes

There will be changes to the rank advancement requirements starting in 2016. Please the last page of this new letter for a summary discussion obtained from [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

### Plaques for Eagle Projects

The troop is working toward placing identification plaques on/at our eagle projects. This small marker will identify the project as a BSA eagle project with the scout's name. Thanks Cara for working on this project. The committee voted to approve the sample design (they look nice!) As the plaques go up we will share that information.

### Spring Camporee at Martin Marietta Mine

The spring camporee that is being planning will be the first ever Mining Merit Badge in the US and it's right here in Ames. This is kind of a big deal; Martine Marietta Materials, Inc. will be hosting this event on April 29th, 30th and May 1st. More information will be available in the near future

### Pizza Ranch

The Pizza Ranch fund raising efforts are in full swing. 2 of the 3 evening are now complete (see the totals below). The last evening is December 7<sup>th</sup> starting @ 4:45 and running until 9:00 pm. All of this money will go toward the Gilbert Family Christmas Fund. Big thanks to Pizza Ranch for donating each night and our anonymous donor who will double the November amount.

Please plan to attend this final night.

October        \$265.38

November     \$700.00

### Troop Renewal

Please let Julie, Cara and/or Bryan know by Thanksgiving if you plan to stay in the troop in 2016. The cost for the annual dues is \$75 per scout.

### Popcorn Sales

Thanks Mitch Meehan for all of your hard work on the popcorn sales project. Here's Mitch's summary: "Just a quick popcorn update since I'll be out of town during the committee meeting: The Scouts sold \$2,815 worth of popcorn (9 Scouts), up from \$2,342 last year (16 Scouts)! Brock is top salesman two years (at least) running now. All money has been forwarded to Julie. I'm waiting to receive an invoice from Council to forward to her, which should be 65% of the total. Each Scout should receive a 35% commission into their account. The Council has worked very hard to pull this together into a very smooth operation. I'll report on Council figures when I get them, and I think they will be impressive."

### Merit Badge University

We had 3 scouts from the troop attend and earn merit badges at the fall MBU at ISU. We will keep you posted on future MBU's

### Bird Feeder Clean Out Fund Raiser

The scouts who worked raised a total of \$914. This amount will be divided by hours worked and placed in the scout's troop accounts. A total of 163 bird feeders were cleaned.

### Gym Time

We are working to arrange for open gym time this winter at the elementary school. Stay tuned for news.

Trailer Clean Out - Big Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped with the annual troop trailer clean out especially Duane for leading this effort. Thanks to Debra and Larry Joel for hosting the event.

Special Note

Happy Birthday Cara and Doug. We appreciate you both very much and thanks for bringing treats to the meeting!

*A Scout is loyal.*

## Transitioning to the 2016 Boy Scout Requirements

Based on the work of the Strategic Plan Goal 411 Task Force, a new set of Boy Scout requirements will become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Timing for the release and implementation of the new requirements will be as follows:

May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Boy Scout requirements released (at National Annual Meeting)</li></ul>
Summer 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New requirements will be reviewed in detail in Philmont Training Center conferences (schedule TBA)</li></ul>
Fall 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New requirement information and interpretation shared via <i>Advancement News</i>, roundtables, etc.</li></ul>
January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2016 <i>Boy Scout Requirements</i> book released</li><li>• 2016 <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i> released</li><li>• New requirements become effective</li></ul>

The release of the new requirements in May 2015 is to allow unit leaders adequate time to plan their Scouts' transition. Beginning work in the new requirements will be determined by the Scout's joining date or current rank as of January 1, 2016:

### For 2016:

- Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:
  - Who are working on the Scout badge **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.
  - Who are working on Tenderfoot through First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
  - Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the existing requirements, but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

**For 2017:** All Scouts **MUST** use the new requirements regardless of rank.

Questions related to transition timing or process may be directed to either of the following: [411@scouting.org](mailto:411@scouting.org) or [advancement.team@scouting.org](mailto:advancement.team@scouting.org).