

September 2015 - Troop 157 Newsletter



Dates to Remember:

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| September 20 th | Troop Meeting and Elections at GLC @ 4:30 |
| October 2 nd | Flags at the Gilbert Football Game |
| October 4 th | Ditch Clean-Up at 3:00 |
| October 4 th | Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30 |
| October 4 th | Senior Patrol Leaders meeting at GLC @ 5:30 |
| October 5 th | Pizza Ranch Fund Raiser (5:00 pm - 9:00 pm) |
| October 9 th | Haunted House Preparations 6:00 pm |
| October 10 th | Haunted House at Gilbert Middle School (11:00 am - 10:00 pm) |
| October 16 th | Flags at the Gilbert Football Game |
| October 17 th & 18 th | Campout at Drake Stadium (Reggie's Campout) |
| October 20 th | Troop Committee Meeting at GLC @ 7:00 pm |
| October 23 rd | Flags at the Gilbert Football Game |
| October 24 th | Bird Feeder Clean-Out at Wild Birds Unlimited |
| October 24 th | Merit Badge University at ISU |
| October 25 th | Troop Meeting at GLC @ 4:30 |

September 15th Committee Meeting Attendees:

Bryan Bradley, Julie Pike, Rachel and Randy Breyfogle, Mitch Meehan, Mark Weber, Doug Stoehr, Duane Vander Werff and Kent Nicholson

Committee Meeting Minutes:

Troop Planning Meeting

September 6th is our troop planning meeting at 4:30pm at GLC. The troop will plan the activities for the upcoming year. We will order pizza for supper, so scouts should bring money to contribute.

Merit Badge University and the Bird Feeder Clean-Out Fund Raiser

We have 2 great opportunities on October 24th. Our troop has committed to the good folks at Wild Birds Unlimited to work the fall bird feeder clean-out (which puts money directly in the scouts who work troop-account). It turns out that day is also Merit Badge University at ISU. We encourage participation at either event (or both if a 1/2 day merit badge session is selected at MBU). If you choose a full day session at MBU, then please have another family member plan to work at the bird feeder clean-out.

Popcorn Sales

Mitch has done a great job leading the popcorn sales effort for the troop. Look for an e-mail from in the near future with additional information. Those who attended the last meeting should be up to speed on the details. Thanks to Mitch and LeAnn Meehan for serving as popcorn chairs and attending council training to allow the troop to earn an additional 3% (35% total) profit on popcorn sales. Popcorn sales start September 19.

Gilbert School Carnival

The school carnival will be held on October 10th. The troop will again run the haunted house. We will be moving materials from the Nicholson's barn to the school on the evening of the 9th.

New Advancement Requirements

A new Scout Book will be put into effect on January 1, 2016 which will have some changes that effect rank advancement (especially for the early ranks). There will be a grand-father clause if you have started rank; you can finish under the old requirements for that rank through 2017.

Troop Elections

Please plan to attend the important troop meeting on September 20th where the scouts will be selecting troop position. Note that rank advancement usually include successfully hold a troop position.

Pizza Ranch

The annual fund raiser in support of the Gilbert Family Christmas Fund will be at the Pizza Ranch in Ames on the first Mondays of October, November and December. We will be bussing tables from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

STEM

The troop will be working on the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) achievements in the upcoming year. Stay tuned for news.

Fall Camporee at Don Williams Park near Ogden

The theme for this event is Leave No Trace. Please note that this will be the same day, September 26th, as the Gilbert Lutheran Church Hog Roast.

Troop Elections

Troop elections will be held at the meeting on September 20th. Updated troop position duties/expectations will be discussed. Thanks to the PLC for beginning this important update!

STEM/Nova Initiative

Several scouts have expressed interest in working on the STEM/Nova initiative as a troop. Stay tuned for details!

A Scout is reverent.