

# TROOP 824 NEWS

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If you have articles or ideas for the newsletter, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Eppestine (487-6341). Please submit stuff. This is *your* newsletter.

To save trees and duplication of paper documents, the newsletter will be given only to Scouts. Our hope is that you will share it with others (especially your parents).

## Phone Book Fund Raiser

Delivering phone books is a great way to earn money for long term camping expenses. Scouts get credit in a troop fund as they turn in route sheets.

Carol Bender (894-4364) is coordinating the White Pages Fund Raiser. Work should be finished and route slips returned by the April 9 meeting. Carol says you can turn in any extra materials (books, bags, inserts) to her either at her house or at a troop meeting.

## Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee will be held at Beaumont the weekend of April 27-29. Your patrol leader should have contacted you about it. The \$5 registration money is due now to Mr. Chambers or Mr. Rhodes.

The theme this year is "The Sky's the Limit." PL's have the packet and can give you more info. Camporee will be the first opportunity for new patrols to get used to working together. This is an important step before summer camp. Patrols will be planning and cooking their own meals. Cost for the groceries is separate and will be owed the patrol leaders.

The troop will be using its tents. Boys should bring their own sleeping bags and cots, utensils, and a cup. A chair is optional (but nice). Don't forget your Class A. Weather is quite variable this time of year. *Be prepared.* If you have any questions, ask your PL or Instructor.

## Horseback Riding

This is a cool event for everyone.

The troop has reserved two groups of 20 horses for a 3 hour ride on Saturday, May 5th at Beaumont. Cost is \$15 per rider. Sign up soon, saddles are going fast. Mike Pleimann is coordinating (487-4680).

## Summer Camp

The end of the school year is approaching, Scout Summer Camp can't be far away. So, in the next few newsletters, we will feature articles about this year's summer camp. It's an anniversary year at the Ranch with lots of neat new stuff to do.

Besides paying to attend camp for a week, one of the most important things we have to do is to get medical forms filled out and signed. We're telling you this first thing so you will have plenty of time to make that doctor's appointment for a physical if you need to do that.

Scouts, **be prepared**, show this part to your parents or guardian.

### Medical Forms (from Mr. Bohn)

The Greater St. Louis Area Council requires that everyone going to camp present upon arrival a completed medical record signed and dated by a person licensed to practice medicine (a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, a physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner).

Scouts need to have **TWO** forms completed and signed... a **WHITE** form which is **valid for three years** after it was signed as above, and a **BEIGE** Health History Update form completed every year, and signed by a parent or guardian.

**If you already have a signed white medical form, please note that it must be 'good' through July 14, 2001.**

A couple of notes:

1. Both a white and beige medical form were placed in each Scout's mailbox before the March 12, 2001 troop meeting.
2. Soon, the troop will announce the due date for all medical forms. Please turn in the forms by that date.
3. Scouts will not be allowed to attend summer camp without a current medical form. If a scout arrives at camp and his medical form has not been turned in, he will be sent home immediately.
4. Please verify that your '2001 Medical and Insurance Information - Permission for Treatment' form that the troop has on file is up to date. If the current form is out of date, please complete

and submit a new one.

5. If you have a completed medical form from another event (sports, school, etc.) which requests the same information as the BSA white form, that medical form can be used in lieu of the BSA form if and only if:
  - a) it contains the same information as requested on the BSA white form
  - b) it will be less than 3 years old on July 14, 2001
  - c) you append a BEIGE BSA form to this medical form

Slightly different details for adults attending camp and for any Scout attending a High Adventure camp will apply.

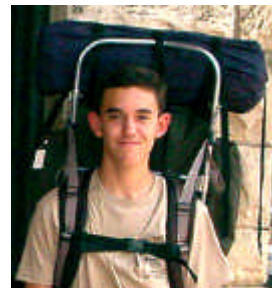
If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John F. Bohn.

Our 2001 Summer Camp will be July 8-14 at S-F's camp Sakima, on the Linn campsite. A summer camp packet will be handed out at the first troop meeting in May. An informational meeting for parents is tentatively scheduled for May 10th.

## Meet Our Newest Eagle

By Ryan Miller

Kevin Bohn was Senior Patrol Leader last term. He currently holds the rank of Eagle with bronze and gold palms. Kevin has been troop Librarian, an APL, PL, TG (troop guide), ASPL, recently SPL, and he is now a Junior Assistant Scout Master. Kevin joined Scouts in '95 from the Cub Pack at Trautwein. He's been to Philmont and Sea Base and these are probably his favorite event and activities in scouting. His merit badge count is somewhere in the 30's of which his favorite is probably Rifle/ Shotgun shooting. Kevin is a Junior at Mehlville HS where he is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish NHS. He likes math/science courses and favors history. He currently works at the new Ronnies theatre complex as Team Lead in the food court.



# April 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Troop Mtg	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Troop Mtg	10	11	12	13 No School	14
15	16 PLC Mtg	17	18	19	20 OA	21 - Spring
22 Conclave →	23 Troop Mtg	24	25	26 Parents' Meeting	27 Spring ←	28 Camporee ←
29at Beaumont →	30 Troop Mtg					

## A Scout is... OBEDIENT

*A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, religion, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.*

When a Scout leader asks you to do a job, it is because your efforts will help your patrol and troop. Obedience is based on trust. Those who give you orders trust that you will do what they ask. But you must also trust your own beliefs and obey your conscience when you know you are right.

- ✓ **April 2** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **April 9** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **April 16** PLC at WMS
- ✓ **April 23** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **April 30** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **May 7** Troop Meeting/Climbing Tower at Beaumont for First & Second year Scouts
- ✓ **May 14** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **May 21** PLC at WMS
- ✓ **May 28** No Meeting
- ✓ **June 4** Court of Honor at Suson Park
- ✓ **June 11** Troop Meeting at Suson Park
- ✓ **June 18** PLC at ???
- ✓ **June 25** Troop Meeting at Suson Park

## Upcoming Parents' Meetings

*Parents' meetings are generally 4th Thursdays of the month at WMS cafeteria unless otherwise noted*

**Apr 26**, 7:00 PM at WMS

**May 10**, 7:00 PM at WMS, meeting on Summer Camp

**May 24**, 7:00 PM at WMS

**June 28**, 7:00 PM at Suson Park

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ **April 20-22** OA Spring Conclave.
- ✓ **April 27-29** Spring Camporee at Beaumont. Coordinators: Mr. Chambers & Mr. Rhodes, Cost: \$5. Registration money due **NOW**
- ✓ **May 5** Horseback Riding at Beaumont. Coordinator: Mike Pleimann, Cost \$15 first come, first ride
- ✓ **May 7** Climbing Tower at Beaumont for 1st & 2nd year Scouts. Coordinators: Tom Pleimann & Bob Miller
- ✓ **May 27** Good Turn Day at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Coordinator: Jan Veinfurt
- ✓ **June 1-3** Fishing Derby at Camp Sherwood Forest. Coordinators: The Zeuner's. Cost ToBeDetermined
- ✓ **June 24-30** JLTC at S-F
- ✓ **July 8-14** Summer Camp at S-F at Camp Sakima. Cost, \$125 by Apr 23rd (\$135 after). Carol Bender.

## Upcoming Troop Meetings

*Troop meetings are held every Monday (3rd Mondays are PLC only) at 7 PM in the Washington Middle School (WMS) cafeteria unless otherwise noted.*

## Did You Know That?...

There were at least 14 members of Troop 824 that participated in the All-District Band Concert at Mehville High School on March 19th. Honor bands from the Elementary and Middle School programs at both Washington and Buerkle Middle Schools, as well as the concert band from Mehville played.