

TROOP 824 NEWS

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Adirondacks

By David Bender

The Adirondacks campout is a great time. The Adirondacks themselves are small buildings with 3 walls, a roof and two bunk beds inside. In theory, you can build a fire on the open side to stay warm. However, this doesn't usually work and the fires never seem to be big enough. A large tarp draped over the front of the structure keeps out the wind rain, and snow. The best way to keep warm is to layer up and keep by the fires whenever possible. For those of you who don't understand the concept of this campout, here it is. The Adirondacks are half cabin campout and half freeze out. And of course, like the freeze out, it may or may not be cold so be prepared. Saturday is the rifle shoot. We get in cars and go to the neighboring shooting range and shoot for a while. This campout is *patrol method* so you'll be cooking food as patrols. One of the best parts is the dead time. There is a large field just below the Adirondacks where you can play football, soccer, or just about any other sport. In all, this campout tends to be popular and is a great time. See you there!

Ropes Course

By Eric Schrenker

Of all the activities we do in Boy Scouts I believe the ropes course is the most fun. If you love high adventure you will love this. The ropes course is a test of your strength and knowledge. If you are the dangerous kind of guy you will love the high ropes. If you are the more calm kind of guy you will love the low ropes.

The high ropes and low ropes are both very different. For one thing, one is up high and the other is on the ground. But the high ropes are the more extreme course. You have to face an obstacle course of ropes while high up in the air. But it is totally safe so you don't need to worry. The climb up to the ropes is defiantly a test of your strength, and climbing the ropes is definitely a test of your wits.

The low ropes are completely different. They help you understand how to work together to get things done. The low ropes are a bunch of tasks you have to accomplish while using teamwork. Oh, and though the low ropes are not as extreme, they are still very fun. I

remember one specific activity where you and your group have to climb over this huge flat wall without talking. It is very challenging. If you could only go to one activity this year I would strongly encourage this one.

Specifics:

Date: Sunday, April 7 (All day)

Place: Beaumont (Will meet at Washington Junior High, time to be determined)

Cost: \$4.00

Coordinators: Mr. Schrenker and Mr. Chambers

What to bring: A sack lunch, water, and rain gear.

What to wear: Old loose fitting clothing.

Parents welcome: We will need parents that can drive and help belay or spot.

Signup sheet at scout meetings...

Some Notes About Spring Camporee

By Levi Tucker

Are you in the LC? Lack of things to do at events? Hey, you can work on Council staff! For anyone that is 14 years or older Council is looking for staff members. Spring Camporee is the weekend of April 12th-14th at Camp Sunnen. That's near Potosi Missouri.

As we get closer to camp we will learn more of how to get there and where it is out there. Right now the ones in the troop that want to go as staff are Levi, Wes, and Brian Rapp. If any one else would like to be staff let Mr. Fritz know. When talking with Mr. Zeuner, he told me a few of the benefits.

You can see things from the viewpoint of the staff members. If you don't like some of the events, as staff you have the power to suggest new ones and drop some of the old skills that need to be retired. Mr. Zeuner also says that as staff a lot of people see it as a promotion from the troop guides to staff. If you are a Life scout then you have a chance to meet some of the people that might sit in on your eagle board. You can camp with our troop or on staff row, and or eat with your troop or with staff. Also you can see some other people from other troops that you haven't seen in a while or meet new people. They are that staff doesn't have to cook or clean after meals, but as staff there is a lot of advance work. Such as deciding the camp theme, and what events there will, be as well as who will

do them, and of course training of what will be done so that every one knows what they are supposed to watch for. Then there are things that have to be done after all the campers leave.

New Leader Training (from Mar DB)

The *New Leader Essentials* portion of Boy Scout Leader Training will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Roundtable. Three indoor sessions for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters will be held Wednesday, April 10; Wednesday, April 17; and Wednesday, April 24.

The Committee Training and optional patrol meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1.

The weekend course will be May 3 through May 5 at Beaumont Scout Reservation beginning Friday night at 6 p.m. Cost is only \$6 for registration and \$3 for Cracker Barrels.

Camping will be done as Patrols with Patrols responsible for food costs (approximately \$10-15) and all their cooking and camping needs. Trained and untrained Scouters are encouraged to come.

For information contact Mike Laturno @314-481-0358.

Summer Camp

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp. \$125 is due so far for deposits at the camp and for the bus transportation. See Mr. Chambers or Mr. Schrenker.

Winter Advancement Camp, Freeze Out, & COH 2002

Like we said in the last newsletter, we're getting a bit behind with the pictures and event coverage.

So, for this issue, we're catching up a bit. Advancement Camp has been reported on and COH is self explanatory.

Here's a story on Freeze Out

By Aaron Chambers

Awhile ago, our troop went to a Winter "Freeze Out" event. This was combined with a Klondike Derby contest. Even though the temperature outside was practically freezing most of the time, it was very fun, and most of the food was great. The activities, were fun, and many of them were challenging. Challenging activities included, the *polar bear hunt*, where a person with a "spear" tried to throw the spear through one of many point-numbered holes. Another included the *fire build*, where Scouts tried to start a fire without using matches. Some groups had trouble with this activity, while others found that it was very easy. In all, the

Klondike Derby was very fun, and very cold. So cold, that many found that their own sleeping bags had froze while they were sleeping! If anyone missed out on this campout, there's sure to be another one next year, or the next year.

On the next several pages, we have some pictures and what few one-liners we received

Troop 824 Upcoming Events

- ✓ **March 4** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **March 8-10** Adirondacks & Rifle Shoot, Beaumont
- ✓ **March 11** Troop Meeting at WMS, first meeting with the new Scouts attending
- ✓ **March 15** Next summer camp payment due, \$75 for each scout and adult
- ✓ **March 18** PLC at Mr. Fitzgibbon's
- ✓ **March 21** Parent's Meeting 7:00 PM at WMS
- ✓ **April 1** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **April 7** High-Low Ropes Course at Beaumont, Ron Schrenker & Jim Chambers Coordinating, \$4
- ✓ **April 8** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **April 12-14** Spring Camporee at Camp Sunnen.
Coordinators: Mr. Jones, Rhodes, & Dundon.
They also need Scouts on staff.
- ✓ **April 15** PLC at Mr. Fitzgibbon's
- ✓ **April 19-21** OA Spring Conclave at Beaumont
- ✓ **April 22** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **April 25** Parent's Meeting 7:00 PM at WMS
- ✓ **April 29** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **May 5** Horseback Riding
- ✓ **May 6** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **May 13** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **May 17-19** Fishing Derby at Camp Sherwood Forest, Tom, Tim & Steve Zeuner coordinating
- ✓ **May 20** PLC at Mr. Fitzgibbon's
- ✓ **May 23** Parent's Meeting 7:00 PM at WMS
- ✓ **May 26** Good Turn Day at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
- ✓ **July 13-21** Summer Camp at Medicine Mountain Scout Camp, Mr. Chambers & Mr. Schrenker coordinating

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

Parents' meetings are generally LAST Thursday of the month at WMS Art Room (upstairs, through the gym to the far left corner) unless otherwise noted

Winter Advancement Camp at Swift



Friday's traditional "game" was a paper airplane toss. Nice form, Pete



Saturday, we got to it. Are Scoutmaster conferences always this intense?



Sometimes it's fun to hang out with adults between BOR's and MB's



Adults cook for everyone at this event. Warm French toast is good.

We'll put one-liners and another picture or two from Advancement camp in here next time. Right now, the only one-liner I can remember is... "Don't kick the First Aid kit, it's your friend" If you remember more, send 'em in.
Mr. E



Knowledge of proper flag procedure is a requirement for early ranks. Older Scouts teach it to keep up their skills.

Freeze Out Klondike Derby



We kick things off by setting up tents. How many trips to the trailer?



Are these scientists studying a meteor crater? No, a Zeuner fire!



Mush, you huskies. One of the sleds gets ready to make a run.



Here's a group shot of all the sleds from Troop 824. We had the best.



Uh, I caught it, now **you** cook it... what IS it?



It's traditional to burn the sleds. Wonder why that flag never burned?



An SPL will always walk away smiling when his troop takes Honor, Merit, **and** best score in the events. Can you see the Santa hats?



Greg Lehn and Pete Eppestines patrol took top honors. Good Job!

Overheard at Freeze Out

- ✓ Burn I t! Burn I t! Burn I t!
- ✓ That fire looks like a meteor crater
- ✓ Look at that tent! Somebody used Baker poles on a wall tent.
- ✓ A Scout is Moist?
- ✓ That flag must be made out of asbestos

There were more... we just can't find 'em



SM Fitzgibbons wasn't smiling before I had him pose for this shot.

Winter Banquet Court of Honor 2002



The Winter Court of Honor and banquet is always a good time. I think everyone is getting their Klondike Derby patches here.



This picture gives you an idea of how many people are involved with this Troop. Lots of Family and Friends. Thank you all!



This picture highlights the LC. They have their own table and sometimes act as a cheering section for patrols and adult leaders.