

TROOP 824 NEWS

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Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee was a big success. We don't know the final statistics yet, but about 60 Scouts and 22 adults from our troop attended.



Overheard at Camporee:

- “ I'm tired, my legs hurt, and I gotta go...
- “ Fertilizer tent stakes?
- “ I think the red trail goes this way.
- “ Which way to event five?
- “ Well, it kinda looks like a chair, but I'm not sitting in it.
- “ I think it's just over this next hill.
- “ That's NOT a kitchen sink!
- “ What happens when I pour this in the fire?
- “ Can you really build a fire with a drill?
- “ Anybody know where Danny is?
- “ Anybody know where Brad is?
- “ That pizza looks a little soggy.
- “ Hey Steve, put your light on this.



Good Turn Day

Memorial Day Good Turn is May 27th. That's just around the corner. Gravois Trail District (that includes Troop 824) has done a "Memorial Day Good Turn" for the last 50 years. This event involves putting flags on all the graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. If you've never done this, it's an awesome thing to see. A very large group of Scouts and Scouters gather behind JB in the National Guard base and then silently



march into the cemetery. With everyone dressed in full Class A uniform, it really does look like a small army.

This event earns Service Hours and a special patch for each Scout that participates.

Contact Jan Veinfurt for more information.

Fishing Derby

The most popular event the troop sponsors during the year is probably the annual Fishing Derby. This is held every year at Camp Sherwood Forest near Lesterville. For several years, this event has been coordinated by Tom Zeuner (that's him with the fish) and now with his sons Tim and Steven. There will be a fishing contest with prizes, a clean barn loft for your cot (boys should bring cots, sleeping bag, fishing and personal gear, rain gear and a change of clothes), Mr. Zeuner will weigh and clean your fish, and there's a kitchen and patio to do some fine cookin'. This event is similar to the cabin events in that Scouts don't have to cook or put up tents. There is a service project



which is our contribution for use of the facility and does NOT count towards service hours. Family and siblings are welcome. Contact Tom Zeuner for more information/details.

This will be the last newsletter before the Fishing Derby. Mr. Zeuner will probably provide maps and more information. You should get a wrap-up and a more detailed history of this event in the next newsletter.

Spring Court of Honor

The Spring Court of Honor will be held Monday, June 4, at Suson Park, rain or shine. This is one of four Courts of Honor our troop holds each year. For those new to the troop, the Scout may be earning their first rank advancement which you don't want to miss. Some older Scouts will receive rank advancements too. Merit badges will be awarded, Spring Camporee patches will be distributed, and MORE.

So, bring the family to share your son's achievement. But don't forget to BE PREPARED... lawn chairs, bug spray, rain gear, and a flashlight might be useful.

Summer Camp

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 the last troop meeting in April. An informational meeting for parents is scheduled. Contact Jeff Rapp for details, (894-1928)

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 summer camp.

A Scout is... TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him. A reputation for being trustworthy is important to you now and in years to come. It can help you get and keep jobs. Others will depend on your word. You prove you can be responsible.

Trustworthiness will help you make and maintain good friendships. You must also have trust in yourself. You are your own best judge. You know when you have done right and wrong. Live in such a way that you respect yourself, and others will respect you too.

Here's one from an anonymous mom.

Confessions of a New Scout Mom

Several years ago, my precious son was a new "crossover," heading for his first year of summer Boy Scout Camp. Oh, he had been to Webelos Camp at Beaumont Scout Ranch, but that week was not very successful or fun for him. So I had a lot of concerns about his going away—out of state, since this was one of the years the Troop was camping out-of-district. They were heading for Camp Joy, during one of hottest summers in recent history.

We followed the packing list, and I added all that I could to ensure my son's comfort for this new experience, short of throwing in his stuffed Ernie. He was equally apprehensive about this first week of camp, but tried not to show it. We loaded all the equipment into the van and with directions in hand, headed across the Mississippi. I was determined I was going to look things over and be sure he was settled and comfortable before we left him there.

I imagine my dismay when we trudged into the campsite, and all I saw were piles of lumber and canvas. The tents were not set up, no cots were in sight, and it was dusty and hot and buggy. How was he ever going to manage? On top of that, things seemed to be so chaotic. I didn't know about or understand the patrol system, so it just seemed like a bunch of boys running around. So much for helping him unpack and making up his bed! They barely had their gear unloaded and off they had to go for the swimming test.

I hung around as long as I could, but the leaders encouraged me to head back to St. Louis. My Scout's face was long and apprehensive as I masked my concern and told him goodbye. Once in the car, I cried all the way to the highway. But that was the turning point for this young man. After that week, despite the bugs and the record breaking heat, he became a seasoned camper and Scout. Never again did he express any concern about being away from home. I also learned to "let go" and allow the proven Boy Scout training and leadership procedures to prevail.

Meet Immo

By Levi Tucker

Immo Radtke is a German exchange student (one of only a few, I think). Back in Germany, he is an 11th grader as well as he is here, but in Germany, Immo's school has 13 grades. Immo enjoys the computer and just "chillen"



with his friends. At least once a week someone from his family calls and it is really cool to hear German in the true speed (which is kinda confusing at times). Immo has helped Levi and Adam with German a few times to help save our grades. Immo so far has enjoyed camping with the troop and the ropes courses and is looking forward to the horse back riding and the fishing derby.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ **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 Cost: \$2
- ✓ **May 27** Good Turn Day at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Coordinator: Jan Veinfurt, 849-8177
- ✓ **June 1-3** Fishing Derby at Camp Sherwood Forest. Coordinators: The Zeuner's. Cost: \$12
- ✓ **June 24-30** JLTC at S-F
- ✓ **July 8-14** Summer Camp at S-F Camp Sakima. Cost, \$135 to Carol Bender. Medical forms to Mike Heins by June 25th.
- ✓ **July 29-August 4** JLTC at S-F
- ✓ **August 17-19** Advancement Camp at Hahn State Park
- ✓ **October 26-28** Shiloh Hikes

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.

- ✓ **May 7** Troop Meeting
- ✓ **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 Mr. Fitzgibbons' house
- ✓ **June 25** Troop Meeting at Suson Park
- ✓ **July 2** Troop Meeting at Suson Park
- ✓ **July 16** Spanky's
- ✓ **July 23** Troop Meeting at Suson Park
- ✓ **July 30** Troop Meeting at Suson Park

Upcoming Parents' Meetings

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

May 31 7:00 PM at WMS

Jun 28 7:00 PM at Suson Park

July 26 7:00 PM at Suson Park

Did You Know That?...

Friday October 26th, no school K-12 in Mehlville School District, just happens to correspond with our Shiloh weekend. You can still do the Shiloh hikes and not miss any school.