

A Few Important Notes

Fishing Derby: As we go to press, Fishing Derby is about to get under way. The weather forecast says rain/thunderstorms AGAIN for Thursday and into early Friday. This in an area already with widespread flooding. Also, it will be cool for the weekend... highs said to be in the sixties, lows possibly in the 30's... so let's be good Scouts and BE PREPARED. Bring some warm clothes and perhaps an extra blanket in your sleeping bag. The barn is open-air in the loft and it is NOT heated. Don't forget to bring work gloves and tools for the service project.

May Parent's (Committee) meeting: Last issue we listed parent's meeting on May 22nd on page two and on May 21st on the Events Calendar page. The correct date is May 22nd. Please make the change on your Calendar.

OA Elections: Troop Order of the Arrow elections have been called for **May 20th**. You might want to mark your calendar because this is normally the night for the PLC meeting. We need to have ALL Scouts in the troop attend this meeting to vote for the OA candidates. There will be a brief PLC meeting after the elections. **Note:** the next page contains a list of candidates for your information.

Teen Drivers: If you are driving to the fishing derby by yourself or with other teens in your car, and there is no adult with you... it would be a good idea to let the Scoutmaster know what your schedule is (approximately when will you leave St. Louis, and when will you return). This is also good information to give to your parents and you should have permission from them and parents of any non-adult passengers.

Summer Camp Packets: We distributed summer camp packets and had an information meeting at the May 13th troop meeting. We will be needing medical forms, final summer camp payment, and merit badge/activity schedule from you. If you didn't get a packet or if you have questions, you need to contact the Scoutmaster or an assistant Scoutmaster soon (Mr. Fitzgibbons, Chambers, Rapp, Schrenker, Eppestine, among others).

Red Card Training: Mr. Rapp wants all Scouts who will be doing ANY waterfront merit badge activity to check

with him or Scoutmaster to be sure you don't need to take the training again. It is current for two years. If you haven't had "Red Card" (CPR) training, or if your red card is two years or older (expired) at the time you take a merit badge that requires it, you will receive a partial for that merit badge. Trust us... you don't want to work a water front partial. We need to know your status here *real soon* so we can schedule the training for those that need it. Mr. Rapp has all the red cards if you need the date.

A Note from the Scoutmaster

After the Troop meeting this past Monday 5/13 I think it might be a good idea to re-visit the policy on cleaning up after ourselves in the cafeteria. During any and all Scout events the Troop follows the "Leave no trace" principle. This goes for weeklong Summer camp to weekly Troop meetings. We are a guest of Washington Middle School and it is a privilege, not our right to use their facilities. Granted the meetings sometimes run a little long and at times can be somewhat hectic and I know we are all anxious to get home but we are in real danger of losing our meeting place if we leave it looking as it did last Monday. Despite our best intentions to pick up after ourselves it didn't happen. I will be asking all Troop Adult leaders to discourage families from leaving until the Senior Patrol leader dismisses the Troop as a group after the room is cleaned to his satisfaction. I don't think I should have to stay until 8:45 cleaning up trash. I will appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding.

Want to go see some airplanes?

Anyone interested on a tour of airplanes and the hanger? Parents are welcome but must have a picture I.D. We will look at two styles of planes exterior and interior possible jet on block check with no interior. We'll do this on some Saturday afternoon around 3 p.m. at Lambert International Airport on Aviation Dr. by Airfreight Buildings; Please let Mr. Rapp know to see if we have enough interest to do in June.

Mr. Kinmartin

[Ed note: If you're interested in working on the Aviation Merit Badge (Mr. Rapp is a counselor), this is an opportunity to get some of the requirements done.]



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society

Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

On May 20th Troop 824 will conduct elections to decide who among the following eligible candidates will be "Called Out" to be inducted into OA.

For several Troop meetings now, we've brought the candidates before you so you could know who they are and make an intelligent voting decision.

Do not take this responsibility lightly. It's important that you vote for candidates who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their every day lives.



Doug Boyher



Aaron Chambers



Eric Dundon



Chris Efthim



Patrick Fitzgibbons



Clayton Greathouse



Zack Haltemann



Michael Heins



David Marsters



Danny Maurath



Tim Noce



Anthony Rhodes



Adam Rouse



Tyler Schepers



Eric Schrenker

Service to Others

The first duty of a Scout is to God, Country, and Scout Law



Matt Miles supervises Craig Watkins during Matt's Eagle Service project



These Scouts are cleaning and organizing a Troop Patrol Box. Good idea before Summer Camp.

The third duty of a Scout is to himself

The second duty of a Scout is to other people



Part of Matt's project was to install some benches. Here's the crew taking a well deserved break.



Here's a service project where no one gets or expects service hours. This project was cleaning and organizing the Troop's trailer after a particularly wet and muddy Spring Camporee.



I think these Scouts are cleaning and folding a Troop dining fly.



Overhead at the Climbing Tower

<said in a high squeaky voice>
"I think this harness is a bit too tight"
<said at the '98 Spring climb>
"This new camera's so cool... I can even see freckles on his face in the dark".



Alex says, "This is far enough".

Up rope, That's Me. Zak begins



I'm supposed to do what in here?



Am I there yet?



We all know what Class A means (you'd better), but these Scouts must be in Class AAA or something. Actually, we grabbed them all up after a concert at Mehlville HS. From Lt to Rt is Peter Epestine, Ryan Basch, Andy Schultz, Bryan Rapp, Greg Lehn, Eric Dundon, Adam Veinfurt, Craig Watkins, and Matt Miles. There's about an equal number of Scouts that play at the Oakville concerts which means that about 1/4th of all Scouts in Troop 824 also participate in the school district's music program. Now, why don't we have a bugler? To be fair, Ryan Basch doesn't have a coat because he was about to get away (he was already getting undressed from the concert) and Eric Dundon is in the Buerkle MS band. He'll have a Tux next year.