

The Troop Newsletter Goes Digital

If you received this newsletter in your email, you already know that this new form of information delivery has come to Troop 824. We were looking for a way to make the newsletter better and at the same time reduce the cost and hassle of delivering it. If you can get email 'attachments' we can send you a newsletter in a virus proof Adobe Acrobat 'PDF' file. You probably already have the free 'reader' program on your computer, but if not, we have a disk you can borrow. A big bonus with this electronic method is that you get pictures in COLOR.

It looks like about two thirds of the folks on the Troop roster can get email. If you would like to receive the newsletter this way, just talk to Mr. Epestine at a troop meeting or drop him an email note at eppestin@swbell.net. He'll be happy to answer any questions and give you any help you need to get wired up. All we need is an email address to send it to. If not, you'll just continue to get a paper copy as usual.

Thanks, the Troop 824 News Staff (the Epestines & the Eftthims)

Congratulations to the new PLC!

Troop elections were held at the August 13th troop meeting. This is when we choose Patrol Leaders, and the Senior Patrol Leader. Then they appoint their assistants. Here's the results:

David Pleimann — SPL

Kyle Miller — ASPL

David Bender — PL

Anthony Rhodes — APL

Doug Boyher — PL

Clayton Greathouse — APL

Aaron Chambers — PL

Ryan Basch — APL

Peter Epestine — PL

David Marsters — APL

Patrick Fitzgibbons — PL

Dan Maurath — APL

Michael Heins — PL

Chris Eftthim — APL

Greg Lehn — PL

Eric Dundon — APL

Eric Schrenker — PL

Tyler Schepers — APL

Advancement Camp

Troop 824 held summer advancement camp at Hawn State Park August 17-19th. Coordinators were Mr. Eftthim and Mr. Dundon. Frank and John did an *outstanding* job with adult meals. The Scouts were jealous when they saw that we had baked biscuits, fresh fried doughnuts, and blueberry pancakes (not all at the same

meal). See the next page for pictures.

Court of Honor

Special thanks to Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Vogt who were coordinators for the August Court of Honor/Barbeque. Also, Mr. Chambers presented a great Summer Camp video that was very entertaining. He will be taking orders for copies on VHS tape at the next couple of troop meetings. Only \$5, cheap!

Taum Sauk Hike

By Mr. Dundon

The Taum Sauk Hike will be held on September 15 and 16. This hike is 21 miles. We will meet at Washington Junior High on Saturday September 15 at 5:50 in the morning. Bring a sack lunch to eat along the trail. We will depart for Pilot Knob at 6:00 am sharp. Upon arriving in Pilot Knob we will need to place a vehicle or vehicles on top of Taum Sauk for the ride back into town.

We will be starting at Fort Davidson in Pilot Knob. We will then climb to the top of Shepard Mountain, then proceed to Russell Mountain and finish the day on top of Taum Sauk. Taum Sauk is the highest point in Missouri at 1772 feet. We will then drive back to town for supper at the buffet diner and spend the night in the hotel. The next morning we will eat breakfast and make lunch for the day. We will then drive to the top of Taum Sauk and hike to

Johnson Shut Ins. Along the way we will see a few of Missouri's natural wonders. Mina Sauk Falls. Mina Sauk drops 132 feet in three different cascades. The Devil's Toll Gate [see the picture below] was named because the settlers had to unload their wagons and take them apart and slide them through the gate and reassemble them before they could continue on their trip. The Shut Ins will be the final stop on the hike. After we cool our heels we will return to St. Louis.

Remember, the cost [for accommodations] for this hike is \$20 for scouts and \$25 for adults. Bring enough money for one supper and one breakfast. Lunch on Sunday will be supplied. Money will be collected at the September 10 meeting.

Last reminder, wear comfortable shoes and bring water, for there is no running water on the trail.

To Pacao or Not to Pacao

Fall Pacao is to be held on October 5-6. Unfortunately, this is a conflict with school events for many LC members. Because of this conflict, the troop decided not to attend Pacao this year. When the PLC meets in a couple of weeks, this will be discussed and an alternate event might be scheduled... or not. We'll let you know.

Shiloh Hike

Just a reminder, the Shiloh Hikes will be held at the Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee (about 100 miles east of Memphis) on October 26 & 27th. We will be leaving St. Louis on October 25th and returning October 28th. If you have any questions, ask your PL or SPL, or see Mr. or Mrs. Epestine at upcoming troop meetings.

We'd like to remind everyone interested that a \$50 deposit is due by the September 24th troop meeting. Total cost will be around \$110 per person. If you will be riding with another family, you will also be charged about \$15-20 to help cover fuel expenses for the drivers. If you are driving and have room for additional passengers, let Mrs. Epestine know so she can coordinate rides for everyone. Funds can be used from the Scout's Long-Term

Camping Account (remember phone book delivery??? Which is coming up again, very soon.)

If you attended the August COH or the last Troop meeting in Suson Park, you probably saw a nice display board that Diane Eppestine made up. (It may be making some more surprise appearances at upcoming meetings.) Our thanks to Tom Pleimann & family for lending us their Shiloh Hikes patch collection and especially to Tom for speaking at the Court of Honor and for all his valuable help and advice. And we're looking for some additional adult volunteers to learn the ropes of coordinating this event so this troop tradition will be carried into the future. Come, join the fun.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ **September 7-9** OA Fall Reunion
- ✓ **September 15-16** Taum Sauk hike, \$20 scout/\$25 adult + food/spending \$ coordinators: Mr. Efthim & Mr. Dundon
- ✓ **September 22 & 29** Electricity Merit Badge Center. Sign-up by the 12th. Mr. Heins, Mr. Boyher, & Mr. Meier. See Duffle Bag for details.
- ✓ **September 28th** Blues Night for Scouting. \$20 due by September 13th. Coordinator: Howard Wegman
- ✓ **October 25-28** Shiloh Hikes, \$50 dep due by Sept 24th. Mr. & Mrs. Eppestine
- ✓ **November 4th** Rock Climbing and Rappelling at S-F. For 5th year Scouts and above. Mr. Miller and Mr. Pleimann
- ✓ **November 10 & 17** Scouting for Food

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.

- ✓ **September 10** Troop Meetings are back at WMS (don't forget class A)
- ✓ **September 17** PLC at Fitzgibbons' home (Patrol Leader training). New guys be there at 6 PM
- ✓ **September 24** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **October 1** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **October 8** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **October 15** PLC at WMS
- ✓ **October 22** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **October 29** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **November 5** Troop Meeting at WMS
- ✓ **November 12** Court of Honor at WMS
- ✓ **November 19** PLC at WMS
- ✓ **November 26** Troop Meeting at WMS

Upcoming Parents' Meetings

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

- September 27** 7:00 PM at WMS
- October 18** 7:00 PM at WMS
- November 29** 7:00 PM at WMS



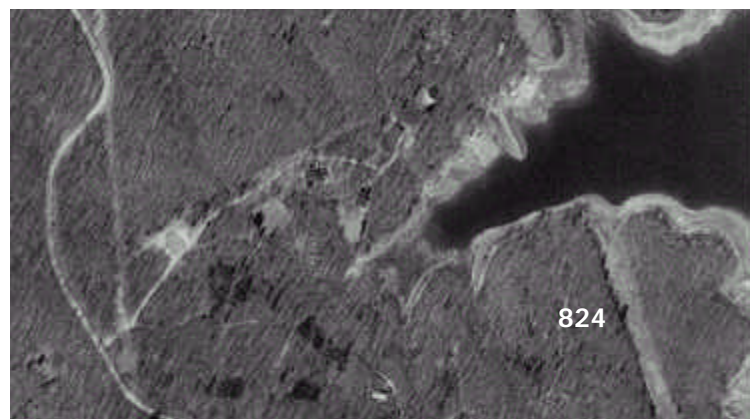
You should see the Devil's Toll Gate on the Taum Sauk hike



Amazing how just a cardboard box and some aluminum foil can bake biscuits. Mr. Dundon knows how, do you?



Wiley Raccoons TP'ed the Scoutmaster's truck at Hawn park



This is Sakima from space. This image was made in winter 1992 so you can't see the bridge across Nims lake, but you can see the "wire cut" clearly. Roads, parking lot, buildings, and if you look closely, you can see the road that went through our camp.

A Picture Book Summer Camp 2001 Wrap-Up (part 2)

Some of you took me seriously when I asked for more pictures of Summer Camp. Mr. Chambers even made a very professional and entertaining video for us to watch at the August Court of Honor (order your copy now, only \$5). Here are some more pictures from the Rapps', the Schrenkers' and one I found on my single use camera.



David Marsters, Eric Schrenker, & Mike Heins hiked up to Castle Rocks in their spare time at Summer Camp. Hey, wait a second... who took the picture? Was it Bryan Rapp?



Eric Schrenker tries the rings at Huck's cove



Pete's cheese patrol on Parent's Night, Thursday.



First Year Scouts are learning some knots at Voyager



Scouts prepare to go on the "Out & About" canoe float



This is the Out & About part... big fun!



The Monday after summer camp, it is traditional that we have a Troop meeting at Spanky's for ice cream.