

TROOP 824 NEWS

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STOP THE PRESSES! Troop 824 has a Web Site

By Mr. Eppestine

Neal Phipps (That's Mr. Neal to you Scouts) was an Eagle Scout in the troop just a few short years ago. Now, he's an active adult leader. Like all good Scouts, he's still giving back to Scouting. While he was going to school at UMR, he designed a website as a project for a course he was taking. That website is now online at

www.troop824-gslac.org. If you haven't guessed by now, it's a website about Troop 824. A "screen shot" of the opening page appears below.



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Welcome to Troop 824's Web Site!



Members of Troop 824 pose for a picture during a recent trip to Mt. Rushmore in Keystone, SD.

For questions or comments regarding this site, please contact the site's webmaster (webmaster@troop824-gslac.org)

You'll probably recognize yourself in the group picture at Mt. Rushmore... pretty cool, huh? Of course under those menu items at the top, there's a lot more pages to look at. Neal is planning a lot of enhancements and additions to the website. It would be especially nice if some of you could help with information about Troop history. And just like the newsletter, if you have something you'd like to contribute, just look for Neal's email link at the bottom

of every page.

If you haven't been to the website yet, check it out. It's already really cool, and it has a lot of growing to do yet. I won't say any more about it right now, so as not to spoil any surprises when you first view it. I will say that the newsletters are on there, and you will probably see some familiar names, and soon pictures.

Thanks, Neal... this is really something special.

Speaking of Pictures at Mt. Rushmore

Did you all see that picture in the Concord Call? Mr. Heins can take the credit for this one. There are several "Call" newspapers around this area, Concord Call being just one. We found this picture and an accompanying article in the Sunset Call. If anyone hasn't seen it yet, come to a troop meeting. I'm sure someone will bring a copy for you to see.

We have MORE pictures from Summer Camp in this issue. I've received digital pictures from Mr. Anderson and Mr. Biehl, and some prints from Mr. Heins, Mr. Rapp, and Mr. Fitzgibbons. There are still some pictures I would like to have copies of (I can also "borrow" the prints, scan them, and give them back). I'm looking for any caving pictures and I think a couple of Scouts went on a hike and took pictures of a forest fire.

I announced at a recent Troop meeting that I was planning to compile these photos into a large CD-R based album and with some help, make it available to anyone who would like one. If you have a computer and a color printer, this would allow you to view and print out pictures that are much more sharp than the ones you see here.

I would remind you that Mr. Chambers has again made a professional quality video about the Troop at summer camp. He will be taking orders when we begin troop meetings at Washington Middle School's cafeteria. I think he said cost for copies is only \$5. It's once again a great video. If you or your son was at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch this summer, you don't want to miss this.

See Mr. Chambers for more details.



Eagle Service Projects

By Scoutmaster Clif Fitzgibbons

There seems to be some confusion about the Troop's adult leader role in a Scout's planning process for his Eagle Service project, specifically the Scoutmaster and Unit Committee

Chairman. On page 3 of the Eagle Scout service project packet there is a place for the Scoutmaster to sign in approval of the idea only. YES, it reads like a good idea or NO, I think you should come up with a better idea.

After the approval of the idea by the SM and a representative of the benefiting institution, then the Scout is free to start the detailed planning. The key here is detailed planning. Over the past few months at Roundtable, Greg Meuth who is the Gravois Trail District Advancement Chairman, speaks to us about the importance of detailed planning that the District Eagle Project Review Board requires before they will give the O.K. to proceed. A Scout cannot begin his Eagle project until the District Board signs off on it. This can be found on page 5 of the project packet.

It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster and the Unit Committee Chairman to make sure that detailed planning is present before the Scout attempts to have his project approved by the District Board. They meet during the monthly Roundtable meetings. If a Scout's Eagle project needs more detail he must wait until the next Roundtable. It is an exception if they meet with a Scout to review an Eagle project other than at Roundtable meetings - the first Tuesday of the month.

I would like to see all of our Scouts have their Eagle projects approved on their first visit before the District Review Board. In addition to the Eagle Scout packet, there also is a 2-page document outlining the Gravois Trail's project guidelines. This paper also gives you the URL to another document. Both give the Scout the specific requirements that must be met in order to gain approval by both myself and our Troop Committee Chairman, and to prepare you for the District Board. I will provide you this information upon request.

In order to help our Life Scouts achieve this goal, I will request that you allow me 1 week to look your project over thoroughly. The Unit Committee Chairman should be afforded the same opportunity to critique your project.

We are here to help you "be prepared" on your trail to Eagle.

Some Miscellaneous Notes

from Mr. Epestine

I think I mentioned earlier that we'd have more pictures from our summer camp adventure at Medicine Mountain in this issue... well... it ain't happenin' this time. I wanted to get in current events and now this file is going to be extra large again.

It seems the more pictures I get, the bigger the newsletter gets, and since some of you have modem connections to the Internet, it's not efficient for you to wait 30 minutes to an hour to download all my pictures if maybe you only want to look at one or two.

Anyhow, the troop's new website might come to the rescue here. We should be able to put pictures on the website that you can view and download individually. That way you get the ones you want.

Future issues of the newsletter will be a lot smaller with fewer pictures because we'll mainly highlight upcoming events (I need articles from older Scouts that describe/explain to younger Scouts what a particular event is about). We could use articles about various Scout skills, merit badges, how to properly work on a merit badge, and a whole host of things that help us communicate our Scout Spirit to our brother Scouts and even to the adult leaders.

True Scout Spirit is Alive and Well in Troop 824

I'd like to congratulate and recognize a Scout who showed us real Scout spirit at our recent Court of Honor. We issued **David Dempsey** the Fishing Merit Badge because he'd earned a partial at summer camp and Mr. Zeuner thought he'd talked to David and learned that he'd caught his two fish at fishing derby, which could complete that merit badge for him. David came to me after the Court and told me he hadn't earned the badge. Turns out the Scout Mr. Z had talked to was Tyler Brockman. The reason for the mix-up was because there wasn't a merit badge card for Tyler at all. There was one for David, and that's the one we fixed up. Thank you, David. Little things like these show true Scout Spirit.

Anyway, sorry for the mix up, guys. We'll get things straightened out and make it up to you at the next Court of Honor.

That reminds me... I need to remind *you all* that any and all merit badge cards or rank advancements that you would like to receive by next Court of Honor are due by no later than a full week before the Court. That is going to be the Troop meeting on November 4th. Thanks!

Advancement Camp at Hawn State Park

by Aaron Chambers

Last weekend, the troop held an advancement camp at Hawn State Park. Located about 45 minutes away, in Western St. Genevieve County, this is one of the best parks for camping and other activities in the State of Missouri. Originally, the park was owned by a schoolteacher, Helen Coffey Hawn, but when she died in 1959, she willed the 4,953 acres of forest and stream area to the state of Missouri, and thus Hawn State Park was created. If you're interested, here's a good web site to visit to learn more about Hawn State Park:

www.mostateparks.com/hawn.htm

But enough about the history of the park, let's get on with the advancement camp. There were many activities to do at camp, other than advancing. Most Scouts and adults went out on a 5 to 6 mile hike, through one of Hawn's toughest trails. Afterwards, Scouts could participate in an animal related play, written by the park's rangers. The reward for participating in the play were 2 "fun size" Snickers bars. Around camp Scouts could play games such as Ultimate Frisbee and others.

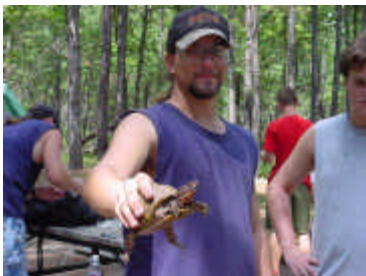
Other than the activities, Scouts had 12 rank advancements. Scout Tyler Brockman achieved the rank of Scout, Scouts Tyler Brockman, Will Shelton, Jacob Halteman, Jason Wang, Collin Klages, and Jerad Herbst achieved the rank of Tenderfoot, Will Shelton, Jacob Halteman and Jason Wang achieved the rank of Second Class, Eric Simpson achieved the rank of First Class, and Eric Dundon achieved the rank of Life. Congratulations to all the Scouts and adults that went this weekend!



We had a little time for some fun stuff too. Frisbee and chess?!



A little more relaxing and some sucking up, and it's time to go home



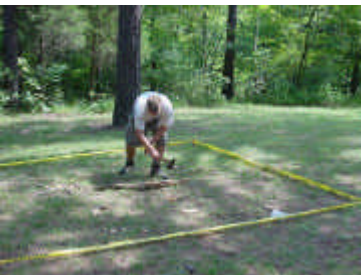
Time to take down camp and go home. Look what Tim Z found.



The first thing to do is set up camp before dark. Well, almost.



Cook breakfast next morning, then a few words from Scoutmaster.



During the day, we got down to Scout business learning skills.

After Summer and Advancement Camps comes the Big CoH & BBQ



Linda Rose & Bea Rouse have done the Summer & Winter Courts for a long time. We had a great spread again this year. Thank You!



Proud Moms wear their son's rank pins on a ribbon. Scouts display the merit badges they've earned on a sash.

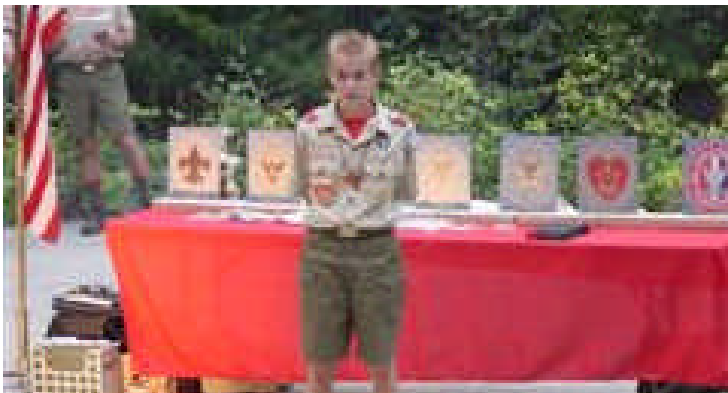
The next page continues with more Summer 2002 CoH.



ASPL Bryan Rapp leads the Troop in the Pledge as we begin the CoH



The pot is a prop for a patriotic opening ceremony



Eric Dundon acts as Master of Ceremonies for this Court of Honor



As Scouts and parents look on, we honor adults who attended summer camp

Attention Scouts: Another Aviation Tour is in the Works

By Mr. Rapp

Do you know what keeps an airplane flying each day? Have you ever wondered what an airplane looks like "under the hood"? We are easily able to peer within our family car, but do so with an airplane is a special privilege.

If you heard about the previous hangar tour held in June, we had a great time with Mr. Kinmartin. He has a special talent and has offered to provide our troop an opportunity to "see inside" a real aircraft hangar.

Learn about the aircraft that American Airlines uses ... learn about the various parts of an airplane ... learn about the operations at an airport ... discover answers to these questions and many others at our next aircraft hangar tour!

Signup sheets will be available at troop meetings. Plan to join Mr. Kinmartin on Saturday, 9/21 for a very good experience! Mark your calendar for this exciting troop event. We are both Aviation MB counselors and would like you to enjoy, learn, and complete this merit badge. Or, if you only want to learn more about aviation, just travel with us to Lambert International Airport with your fellow scouts and adults.



As Scouts and parents watch, Mr. Kinmartin gives them a tour of the avionics bay in the nose of this airplane. Above, we see an engine.

Troop 824 Upcoming Events

(You might consider printing out this page and taping it to the fridge or other appropriate spot)

- Sept 9th** Troop meeting (still at Suson Park, class B)
- Sept 12th** School Night for Scouting Trautwein/Hagemann, Mr. Chambers/Dundon
- Sept 13-15** OA Fall Reunion at S-F Mr. Zeuner & Mr. Steve coordinating
- Sept 16th** PLC Meeting at Mr. Fitzgibbon's house
- Sept 19th** Parent's Committee Meeting in Art Room at WMS
- Sept 21st** Aviation Hanger Tour at American Airlines 2nd class and above Mr. Kinmartin coordinating (reminder: Adults will need a photo ID to attend)
- Sept 23rd** Troop Meeting at WMS (Class A's Please)
- Sept 30th** Troop Meeting at WMS
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- Oct 1st** Round Table at General American. Youth Protection Training Opportunity
- Oct 4th** Blues Hockey Scout Night at Savvis Center—Details in Duffle Bag. MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS, \$10 or \$20 tickets
- Oct 7th** Troop Meeting at WMS
- Oct 14th** Troop Meeting at WMS
- Oct 17th** Parent's Committee Meeting at WMS Art room
- Oct 18-20** Fall PACAO at Fort de Chartres Mr. Dempsey & Mr. Rhodes Coordinating. **Note to Adults:** They will be offering Pressurized Fuel Training (Toasted Chit) at PACAO
- Oct 21st** PLC Only Troop meeting at WMS
- Oct 25th** Adult Leader Training at Beaumont
- Oct 28th** Troop Meeting at WMS
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- Nov 3rd** Hi-Lo Ropes Course, Beaumont, Mr. Chambers/Schrenker coordinating
- Nov 4th** Troop Meeting at WMS
- Nov 11th** Troop Meeting Court of Honor (full Class A/sash) An M.C. is needed
- Nov 16/Nov 23** Scouting for Food Drop off/Pick up Mr. Chambers/Wohlschlaeger
- Nov 18th** Troop (PLC only) Meeting at WMS
- Nov 21st** Parent's Committee Meeting at WMS Art Room
- Nov 25th** Troop Meeting at WMS

Please Note: Parents of younger Scouts should volunteer to shadow our veteran event coordinators so the "know how" for putting on events isn't lost.

Unless otherwise noted Troop meetings are held every Monday (3rd Mondays are PLC only) at 7 PM in the Washington Middle School (WMS) cafeteria or at Suson Park during Summer when school isn't in session.

Parents' meetings are now THIRD Thursday of the month at WMS Art Room (upstairs, through the gym to the far left corner) unless otherwise noted (Also at Suson Park in Summer).