



The Troop 107 Weekly Blast

August 27, 2012

This week's meeting

will be on Tuesday, Aug 28 at 7:15 PM at the Celebration! Community Life Center.

- Attend this meeting to learn about important changes related to BSA advancement requirements. The BSA has raised the bar on Positions of Responsibility for advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. We'll discuss how the changes will affect you. If you need a Position of Responsibility for advancement, be sure to tell Mr. John what position you are interested in; elections are next week! Wear your Boy Scout t-shirt for some games in the gym afterwards.
- The service patrol this week is the Vicious Vikings. Please arrive at 7:05 for set up and stay after to clean up.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 8/28 – Meeting at 7:15 @ Celebration
- 9/4 – Meeting at 7:15 @ OSLC (patrol elections)
- 9/11 – PLC meeting at 7:15 @ OSLC Temple Room
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- 9/14-16 – Campout at White Pines State Park
- 9/18 – Meeting at 7:15 @ OSLC (gear return)
- 9/25 – Fall Court of Honor @ OSLC

Car Wash in September

Troop 107 will be holding a car wash from 9 AM to noon in the OSLC parking lot on Saturday, Sep 29. We will be doing this to benefit the Thunderbird District, which supports many scouting activities. This is a Scout service hour opportunity. A sign up sheet will be available at tomorrow's meeting. For more information, please contact Mr. Ron Petrucci at ptruec@att.net

Owasippe Commemorative Brick

To mark their recent 100th anniversary, Owasippe Scout Reservation is selling commemorative bricks that are being placed in a walkway in front of the Owasippe main trading post near the administration center. The Troop 107 Committee has decided to purchase an 8" x 8" brick to express our troop's support and to mark our long history of enjoying summer camp at Camp Blackhawk (Go!). If you would like to make a donation to help offset the \$300 cost, please contact the Troop Treasurer, Katy Giesecke, at T107Treasurer@gmail.com or stop by the sign up table at any troop meeting. The inscription on the brick will read:

Troop 107
Naperville, IL
Camp Blackhawk Go!

Merit Badge Books

If you have merit badge books that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Troop 107 library. They will then be available for Troop 107 Scouts to check out and use when working on their merit badges. There will be a gray bin for donations at the next few meetings. Please contact our librarian, Lucas Solak for more info.

Reading Merit Badge

Michael Rynes and Linda Thompson will be hosting a reading badge clinic at Nichols library at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 6th. Bring your reading logs and other requirements. For more information, please contact Mrs. Thompson at lindamthompson@att.net

Patch Sewing Help Offered

Do you have badges or patches not yet sewn onto your son's Boy Scout uniform? Have you also heard that Friends of Scouting (FOS) is in need of additional donations this year? Here's a win-win opportunity for all of us: Bring your badges/patches, shirts, and sashes with your name on them and Mrs. Solak will sew for you (thanks Mrs. Solak!). You in turn give the troop a donation marked for FOS. Win-Win. Look for Mrs. Solak at the next meeting or email her at lsolak@yahoo.com

**More information on Troop 107 activities can be found on the troop website:
<http://troop107.com/>**

More News

September Campout

The first monthly campout this fall will be the weekend of September 14-16 at White Pines State Park near Oregon, IL. Saturday we will be canoeing on the Rock River. You can sign up and pay for the campout at this week's meeting. The September 4 meeting will be the final opportunity to sign up. The attendance fee is \$55 for Scouts and \$18 for adults attending and canoeing. If there are Scouts interested in attending this campout to work on rank advancement, but not planning to participate in the canoeing, please contact Mr. John. The attendance fee for non-canoeing Scouts is \$37 (and two adult volunteers will be needed to work with these Scouts). Note that all canoeists, including adults, must have passed the BSA swim test within the past 12 months. If a Scout has not passed the swim test, he will be allowed to participate only in a canoe shared with his parent. For those who didn't already pass it this summer, an opportunity to take the swim test before this campout is planned at the Kroehler Family YMCA in Naperville in early September (more information on the date and time of that test will be communicated when the plans are finalized). Passing the swim test in September will also fulfill the requirement for participating in other planned water activities this year, including the water park campout in December and a planned rafting trip in the spring.

Physical Fitness Merit Badge

Anyone interested in working on the Physical Fitness badge? Mrs. Solak is looking for another adult to help, and for Scouts who are interested in working on the badge during scout meetings in September or October. If interested, please contact lsolak@yahoo.com. A signup sheet will be available on the table at the next two meetings.

Philmont Payment Schedule

For those Scouts and adults going to Philmont next summer, a schedule has been set up so that the participant fees can be collected in time for the troop to meet Philmont payment deadlines. A first installment of \$150 per person is due on or before September 15 (in addition to the \$100 deposit that everyone has already paid). Additional \$150 installments will be due on or before the 15th of each month from October through January. A transportation fee will be due after transportation arrangements are finalized. There will also be a final payment due for things such as a commemorative shirt, a patch, etc. Please contact the Troop Treasurer, Katy Giesecke, at T107Treasurer@gmail.com or stop by the sign up table at any troop meeting to make these payments. Those people currently on the waiting list are not expected to make these payments unless they are moved to the participant's list.

Order of the Arrow Ordeal Information

The **LAST** opportunity for new Order of the Arrow candidates to complete their Ordeal is Sep 14-16 at the Scout Adventure Camp in Rochelle, Illinois. Arrive as early as 7 PM Friday. *Register online by going to www.OA41.com and clicking on 'Register Now'.* Remember that if you have already done your Ordeal, you can come and earn your Brotherhood, and help with work projects. **Reminder: bring a copy of your medical form with you. For more information contact Billy Doody (billydoody@ameritech.net).**

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