



# The Troop 107 Weekly Blast

May 6, 2012

## Next meeting

**Tuesday, May 8 at 7:15 at OSLC. The service patrol for May is Dark Wings.** Please arrive at 7:05 for set up and stay to teardown after the meeting.

- As part of Quinn K.'s Eagle Scout Project, he is collecting deodorant, disposable razors, and travel-sized toiletries at this week's meeting. Any donations would be much appreciated.

## Summer Camp

The troop will once again be attending summer camp at the Owasippe Reservation, Camp Blackhawk (Go!), near Twin Lake, MI. The dates this year are July 8-14.

### Payment info:

Owasippe fee for scouts: \$275 (due by May 29)  
 Additional camp fees for scouts: \$50 (due by June 30); these fees cover the costs of travel, a pizza party at camp, a souvenir camp photo, and a patch.  
 Merit badge fees: Varies. See Corrinne Eastman for further information. (due by June 30)  
 Owasippe fee for adults assisting at camp: \$50 (estimated; the troop will be covering a portion of the total adult fee)

### Timeline:

- Now - Summer Camp payments and completed medical and enrollment forms are being collected
- May 29 - \$275 fee payments are due from scout participants
- June 19 - SC adult and Scout Leaders meet to confirm roles and responsibilities
- June 30 - \$50 additional camp fee and merit badge fees are due from scout participants
- July 8 - depart for camp

Recently Troop 107 held a clinic to share information about attending Owasippe Summer Camp. Please take the time to read the information on the troop web site and ask questions. It is very important to be prepared for an enjoyable summer camp experience.

For more information: Contact Corrinne Eastman (T107Campouts@gmail.com)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 5/8 - OSLC meeting 7:15 - Gear return
- 5/12 - Mike W. and Quinn K. Eagle Projects
- 5/15 - OSLC meeting 7:15
- 5/21 - Committee Meeting - OSLC 7:30
- 5/22 - Celebration Center Meeting 7:15
- 5/29 - OSLC meeting 7:15
- 6/3 - Spring Court of Honor - Troop Picnic - Noon
- 6/4 & 6/5 - OSLC Mega Garage Sale
- 6/5 - OSLC meeting 7:15 - Last Spring meeting
- 6/15 - 6/17 - Campout Devils Lake

## Highlights of Recent Events



Troop 107 had a great time this weekend at the Rainbow Council Camp. Activities included shotgun, rifle, archery, and climbing on the high ropes course.

Part 1 of Quinn K.'s Eagle project took place today. The scout volunteers didn't let a few sprinkles interfere with distributing flyers for a worthy cause. See p.2 for news about part 2 of the project.



Quinn thanks all of today's scout and parent volunteers for their help!

**More news on the following pages**

## ***More News***

### **May 12 Eagle Projects**

Please help support two scouts with upcoming Eagle projects on May 12. Sign up sheets will be at the May 8 meeting. Both scouts are coordinating independent projects to support the DuPage Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) organization. This organization is committed to end and prevent homelessness in DuPage County. Both Eagle projects are great opportunities to earn service hours. The time differences described below allow for flexibility in helping with one or both projects. For those Scouts working on Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge (requirement 7.C.), please consider earning Service Hours by working on these projects!

### **PADS shelter toiletries collection - Quinn K. Eagle Project - May 12**

Quinn K.'s Eagle project involves collecting toiletries for the PADS shelters. Volunteers will be collecting toiletries from houses where flyers have been dropped off and packaging donations for the second/final day of this Eagle Scout Project. This will take place on Saturday, May 12, 1-4 PM at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. Snacks will be provided!

### **PADS Garden at Celebration Center - Mike W. Eagle Project - May 12**

Mike W. is conducting his Eagle project by developing the PADS garden at Celebration Center. Volunteers should bring work gloves and shovels (digging spades), and hand trowels. He also needs some people to bring wheelbarrows. Adults with rototillers are needed in the morning, after the volunteers put the compost on the garden. Plan for tilling at 9:00 A.M. Volunteers should dress in clothing that will protect them from the sun and be practical for gardening (hats and long pants). If there is rain in the forecast, volunteers should also bring raincoats. The project is planned to begin at 8:00 A.M. and finish by 4:00 P.M.

### **Court of Honor leadership opportunity**

Three to four scouts are needed to lead the Court of Honor on June 3rd. Leading a Court of Honor is a requirement for the Communications Merit Badge. Interested scouts need to be 2nd class or above. There will be 3 practices: May 8th, May 15, and May 22 starting at 6:30. Scouts will be writing their own skit and invocation. There will also be a small amount of work to be done at home. We will also cover many of the other requirements for the badge. Please contact Mrs. Naughton ([can8746@gmail.com](mailto:can8746@gmail.com)) if you are interested or with questions.

### **First Aid MB Session**

First Aid MB will be offered by Mr. Adair during May - This is open to 6th grade scouts and above, until the limit of 10 is reached. The date and time currently planned are during the weekly meetings on May 15 and 22. This will set up Emergency Prep for the Fall later this year. Please contact Mr. Adair at [adair.john@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adair.john@sbcglobal.net)

### **First Class Orienteering Hike**

There will be a one mile First Class orienteering hike on Saturday May 12th at 10am. The location will be at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve. More information will be emailed to those that sign up. Scouts must bring their own compass and know how to use it with a map. Information on how to do this is in the Scout handbook. Please see Mr. Rynes for additional information. Adult assistance on the orienteering hike is always greatly appreciated! We do have a large number of Scouts that need this requirement. The hike will be limited to 12 Scouts. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

## ***Do you have news to share with the troop?***

Send email with any news you want in next week's Blast to Jeff Eastman  
([T107CommitteeChair@gmail.com](mailto:T107CommitteeChair@gmail.com))

## **More News**

### **Boards of Review**

There will be three more Board of Review nights before the June Court of Honor: May 8, May 15 and May 22. Please remember the appropriate dress for Boards of Review:

1. Class "A" Scout Shirt
2. Neckerchief and slide
3. Pants: NO athletic shorts. Shirt tucked in.
  - a. For First Class and below: jeans without holes/rips are acceptable.
  - b. For Star and above: Scout should wear official scout pants or something similar: solid color dress or camping pants without holes/rips are acceptable.
4. Merit badge or OA sash is recommended but optional.

Also, Mrs. Rudolph is looking for more parents to join on an occasional basis for Boards of Review – it's a great way to get to know boys in the troop, it's fun and even inspiring! Please email [BeckyRudolph5@gmail.com](mailto:BeckyRudolph5@gmail.com) to be added to the volunteer distribution list.

### **DuPage River Sweep 2012**

Saturday, May 19th, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon Scouts have a service hours opportunity by assisting in various areas around the DuPage River in Naperville. Troop 107 submitted a group registration for the event indicating participation by an estimated 20 scouts and 5 adults. The idea behind the event is to help sweep our rivers clean by picking up debris in and along the local waterways and restoring nearby land back to its natural state. We requested a location for onshore cleaning for the safety of the scouts. More information is available on the following web site:

<http://www.theconservationfoundation.org/what-we-do/watershed-protection/dupage-river/dupage-river-sweep.html> or contact Linda Pan at [Lingjun.Pan@trizetto.com](mailto:Lingjun.Pan@trizetto.com). A sign- up sheet will be available at the Tuesday meeting.

### **OSLC Mega Garage Sale**

OSLC is holding their annual Mega garage sale at Celebration Center in June. Troop 107 volunteers are needed on Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5.. This is a service hours opportunity and chance to give back to OSLC. Contact Linda Pan at [Lingjun.Pan@trizetto.com](mailto:Lingjun.Pan@trizetto.com). A sign- up sheet will be available at the Tuesday meeting along with information on times. Tuesday June 5 is also a meeting night. The Mega Garage Sales takes place on June 8 & 9.

### **Three Fires Council Silver Beaver Recipient**

Congratulations to Tim Seeden, who has been selected as a recipient of this year's Silver Beaver award! The Silver Beaver Award was established in 1931 and is presented for distinguished service to young people within a local council of the Boy Scouts of America. There will be a dinner honoring Mr. Seeden and the other recipients of this year's award on Thursday, June 21, 2012

at 7:00 P.M. The location is the Hotel Arista at CityGate Centre  
2139 CityGate Lane, Naperville, IL 60563.

The cost to attend is \$43 per person. Information on how to sign up to attend this event can be found at <http://www.threefirescouncil.org/about-us-mainmenu-27/home-mainmenu-1/452-congratulations-silver-beaver-recipients>

### **Troop 107 Directory Updates for 2012 -2013**

Each year Troop 107 publishes a membership directory. If your information from the current blue 2011 -2012 directory last year has changed, please contact Mr. Miten Shah with the updates. His e-mail is [octo15@hotmail.com](mailto:octo15@hotmail.com). New member information will be provided through the charter and e-mail contact information provided previously. Please send any changes to Mr. Shah by Saturday May 12. The goal is to have new directories available at the Spring Court of Honor/Troop 107 picnic on Sunday June 3.

## **More News**

### **Cub Scout Summer Camp Staff Needed**

Scouts looking for summer service hours, a future job recommendation, and service that could lead to a paid position in the future should consider volunteering through the Thunderbird District for Cub Scout summer camp staff positions. They ask that interested scouts commit to serve for one full week of day camp (scouts may choose more, if they wish). Den Guides will be required to complete staff training before camp.

Please contact Karen Ball, the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Thunderbird District -Trailblazer Day Camp Director, if you are interested in joining the Cub Scout summer camp staff family! Her phone # is (630) 901-2223

Dates:

Camp Setup and Training      Sat. June 2nd 8:30-3:30

Webelos Days                  W-F June 6-8

Week #1                        M-F June 11-15

Week #2                        M-F June 18-22

Week #3                        M-F June 25-29

### **Volunteer Position Available**

*Equipment Coordinator:* As our Troop continues to grow the high quality program and activities we need to add to our Equipment Committee position. Bill Corbett has tirelessly prepared the troop with outfitting the new trailer, facilitating the purchase of new tents, dining flies, p-boxes and other necessary equipment. Bill has stepped down from this position to allow others the opportunity to build on all he has contributed to Troop 107.

Adults interested in getting involved in this or other positions please contact Jeff Eastman, Committee Chair (T107CommitteeChair@google.com)

### **Naperville Park District Merit Badge Program**

Earn your scout badges with Naperville Park District's Eco-Explorers program! Scout troops are invited to earn their nature-based merit badges at Seager or Knoch Knolls Park with Certified Merit Badge Counselors. A variety of programs are offered through the Eco-Explorers program, including wildlife studies, gardening, and outdoor skills. Programs are available for tiger cubs through boy scouts. Call Sarah Wilkins, Nature Program Coordinator, at 630-848-5000 ext. 3653 or email [swilkins@napervilleparks.org](mailto:swilkins@napervilleparks.org) for more information.

Programs are designed to provide scouts with all requirements for the particular badge chosen. The programs run 1 to 1.5 hours and can be scheduled for any time, including evenings and weekends. Fees, which are subject to change, generally run \$6 per scout (depending on the program). The park district requires a ten scout minimum to run a program. Badges are not included in this price.

Boy Scout Merit Badges include: Bird Study, Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Gardening, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Nature, Reptile & Amphibian Study, and Soil & Water Conservation

### **Adult online training tracking**

All adults who have taken training and have an online account at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) need to enter their BSA ID number in their account profile. Scouting has found volunteers have taken multiple on-line training sessions under different user names and passwords. By entering your BSA ID# in each account the training records will be tied together for more accurate reporting. If you do not know your BSA ID# please contact either Ken Kolany or Linda Thompson.

## ***More News***

### **Troop Committee Challenge**

Members of the troop committee may take either the on-line course found in your Myscouting account, or one offered in the classroom setting.

### **Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specific Training**

**Sat, August 12, 2012 - 8am - 4pm** - Location TBA - Betty Bohlander - 630-466-4619 or Dale Squier - 630-554-8657 - MH

**Sun. Oct 7, 2012 - 8am-5pm** - Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin - Sherrie Nielson - 630-253-7502 - PT

### **Outdoor Leader Skills Training**

This is one of the courses necessary for a SM or ASM or Varsity Coach to become fully trained, wear their trained patch & earn their training knot.

**Sun, August 12 & Fri/Sat August 17-19, 2012** - FLIER - Location TBA - Betty Bohlander - 630-466-4619 or Dale Squier - 630-554-8657 - MH

**Mon, October 1 & Fri/Sat October 5-6, 2012** - FLIER or Online Registration - Camp Big Timber, Elgin - Sherry Herzog - 630-464-6876

### **Wood Badge Training Course**

August 5 & 24-26 and September 21 -23. Wood Badge is an advanced adult leadership training program for all adult leaders. Wood Badge has two parts. The first is two 3-day weekends of practical experience where you learn skills and concepts that under the five themes of 21st Century Wood Badge. As part of the practical course you create a plan to put the skills in action, called a 'ticket'. When complete you earn the recognition of Wood Badge Beads, woggle and neckerchief. For information contact Dan Zedan, course director at (847) 436-1812 or [dzedan@aol.com](mailto:dzedan@aol.com).

### **Thunderbird District Events**

**Thursday May 10** – the annual **District Program Kick-off** event will be held instead of traditional Roundtables.

See: <http://www.thunderbirddistrict.org/index.php/2-uncategorised/97-may-district-kickoff-may-10th>

**Friday May 11** – the **Adult Appreciation Dinner** will be held at the Lisle Hilton. See:

<http://www.thunderbirddistrict.org/index.php/7-news/93-tb-adult-appreciation-dinner>

**Saturday May 19** – **Scout-o-Rama** will be held from 9:00 – 4:30 at Cantigny.