



# The Troop 107 Weekly Blast

October 14, 2012

### ***This week's meeting***

**will be on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:15 PM at Celebration Center**

- Those going to the Ranch-o-ree this coming weekend will plan menus.
- Wreath sales turned in at this meeting will be credited with 5% bonus points.
- Those working on the electricity merit badge will meet with Mr. Shah.
- October installment payments are due for those going to Philmont next summer.
- If you were on the Garden of the Gods backpacking trip, please bring back clean and dry tents at this meeting.
- The service patrol this week is the Stealth Ninjas. Please arrive at 7:05 for set up and stay after to clean up.

### ***Wreath Sales Update***

Sales to-date total \$8,155. Great job! Remember, an additional 5% bonus points will be added to orders turned in this Tuesday, October 16. Additional dates for turn in are October 23 and 30. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Bonaguro at 630-334-8524 or Kelly Schneck at 630-420-1590. Thank you!

### ***New Directory***

Hard copies of the new Troop 107 Directories will be distributed at the weekly meetings during the next few weeks. Thanks to Mr. Shah for putting these together (with assistance from Mr. Himmelblau). If you'd like an electronic version in addition to or instead of the hard copy, request this by sending an email to Jeff Eastman (T107CommitteeChair@gmail.com)

### ***Lifeguard Needed***

If anyone knows of a BSA- or Red Cross-certified lifeguard available to work at the Ranch-o-ree this Saturday afternoon, Oct 20, (even if not a Scout) please contact Mr. Tatara (richard.tatara@tellabs.com and rmtatara@wideopenwest.com)

### ***Calendar of Upcoming Events***

- 10/16 – Meeting at 7:15 @ Celebration Center
- 10/19-21 – District Ranch-o-ree at the Adventure Camp near Rochelle
- 10/21 – Wreath sales @ OSLC
- 10/23 – Philmont planning meeting at 6:30 in the Temple Room @ OSLC
- 10/23 – Meeting at 7:15 @ OSLC
- 10/27 – District Merit Badge Clinic
- 10/30 – PLC meeting at 6:30 in the Temple Room @ OSLC
- 10/30 – Meeting at 7:15 @ OSLC

### ***Webelos Campout Recap***

We had a great Webelos indoor camp out Saturday! Trent led them in some games and learning the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan. Cory led them in learning appropriate hiking and camping equipment, along with knots and whipping and fusing rope. They were assisted by many of our Troop 107 Scouts, Assistant Scoutmasters, and wonderful volunteers. Our thanks to everyone who helped and participated in making this opportunity happen in the midst of a major last minute change!

### ***October Campout Refunds***

Those Scouts who paid to attend the cancelled October campout will have their payments refunded as a credit to their Scout Account unless they request a check from our Treasurer, Katy Giesecke (T107Treasurer@gmail.com). Those who purchased food that wasn't returned should bring receipts to Mrs. Giesecke.

### ***Communications Merit Badge Counselor Needed***

A volunteer is needed to work with Scouts on Communications Merit Badge. One responsibility of this person will be to assist in preparing the presenters for the next Court of Honor in February. Please contact Jeff Eastman if you are interested in volunteering.

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

## ***More News***

### ***Three Fires Council Training Academy***

**Come join your fellow Scouting pirates at the 2012 Training Academy on November 10th, 2012!** This is the premier training event for Three Fires Council where classes for adult leaders are offered for an entire day at East Aurora High School. The school is located at 500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora, IL 60505. Registration begins at 7:30am with opening ceremonies at 8:30 and classes begin at 9am. The final class is over at 3:30 with closing ceremonies immediately after. The day will conclude at 4pm. Cost for the day is \$30 per person as an early bird registration before October 31st. After October 31st the fee will be \$35 per person. For our Boy Scout youth we will be offering Den Chief training again this year and new class for SPLs. The class sizes for this youth training will be limited so plan to sign up early. Cost for the youth will be \$25 per youth as an early bird fee and \$30 and it will be all day. Order of the Arrow Lodge Leadership Development & Brotherhood Conversions are also offered for Scouts & adults in the OA. Lunch is included with your registration fee. Please attend in your Class A uniforms and bring all your Pirate friends! For more information and to register, see <http://threefirescouncil.org/training-mainmenu-35/training-academy-2012>

### ***Trailer Pullers Needed***

The Troop is in urgent need of drivers with vehicles equipped to tow our trailer to future campouts and other events. If you can help out with this, please let Corrinne Eastman know ([t107campouts@gmail.com](mailto:t107campouts@gmail.com)). If we can't identify more people who can pull the trailer we may have to start renting a truck for our campouts, which will increase the campout costs.

### ***Owasippe Commemorative Brick***

The Troop 107 Committee has decided to purchase an 8" x 8" commemorative brick to express our troop's support of Owasippe 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](mailto:T107Treasurer@gmail.com) or stop by the sign up table at any troop meeting.

### ***Annual Consent Form***

All parents / guardians need to fill out a consent form annually, giving permission for their sons to participate in campouts and other Troop activities. You can find this form on the Documents page of the Troop website ([http://troop107.com/?page\\_id=13](http://troop107.com/?page_id=13)). Please download this form and fill it out as soon as possible. Completed forms should be given to Mrs. Eastman at any meeting. Contact her for more information: [t107campouts@gmail.com](mailto:t107campouts@gmail.com)

### ***Popcorn Information***

Important Popcorn Dates and Information:

October 26, All order forms **and money** due to Cindy Akins

November 17, Final delivery of popcorn – details of pick up time to follow

Popcorn can be picked up at prearranged times by emailing Cindy Akins: [cindy\\_akins@hotmail.com](mailto:cindy_akins@hotmail.com)

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