



Troop 1094's Aerie

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Calendar & Reminders

Troop 1094's 2004-2005 Calendar is on the Troop Webpage (www.troop1094bsa.com). Highlights are included in this newsletter.

Oct 22-24	Backpacking / Hiking (D-Bar-A)
Nov 5-7	Webelos Campout (CCB)
Jan 14-16	Caving Overnighter
Feb 25-27	Ski Trip (Homestead / Lake Ann Baptist Camp)
Mar 18-20	Rank-o-ree / Wildgame / Orienteering
Apr 22-24	Backpacking / Hiking (D-Bar-A)
May 13-15	NR Dist Camporee
Jun 10-12	South Manitou Island or Canoe Trip
Jul 31-Aug 6	Summer Camp (2005 - CCB)

October 22 - 24

Hiking / Backpacking

The Troop will be going on a hiking and backpacking campout. We will leave the church on Friday night at 6:00 pm and return on Sunday at noon. Each scout will need either a backpack of some sort. We will be going to church as a Troop on Sunday. If you are interested in earning the hiking or backpacking merit badges, you will need to get the blue cards signed before the event and contact a counselor. Also, you MUST bring your pop-can stove. (SM)

Boards of Review

To better serve all the Scouts, Leaders and Committee in the Troop, Boards of Review and Scoutmaster Conference will be held after the 2nd Meeting of each month. There will be a sign-up sheet at the 1st Meeting of each month. This will allow the leaders to better plan the Troop Meetings and their personal time. A Board must consist of three to four Committee Members along with the Advancement Coordinator. We need to make sure we can get Committee Members to attend. The Adult Scout Leaders CANNOT sit on a Board of Review. If you are not a registered Committee Member, please see Mr. Maskill about getting a form. (SM)

Fundraiser – Craft Show

It was mentioned at the Committee Meeting that we would try to have an Egg Roll Sale at the upcoming Craft Show on October 16th. If you are interested in helping plan and set-up this event, please contact Carol Barch. A flyer will need to be put in the Guardian for advance sales from the parish families. (SM)

September - Mtn Biking Campout

At the last Troop Meeting, the great folks at REI demonstrated bike maintenance. Some of this came in handy at the campout. Jimmy and Mr. Cox's bikes both had cranks come loose. It must have been the stress from all the hills.

We went to Addison Oaks to camp and bike. The biking was GREAT! The course was quite challenging. There were logs to jump, rock piles to stumble through, bridges to fall off, and lots of trees to hit. Once again, no one got hurt. In all, we scouts biked 8 miles in the morning and another 4 – 8 in the afternoon. An eagle project is being looked at to install oxygen tanks at key points along the trail (for the adults).

I'd like to thank Mr. Cox, Mr. Maskill, Mr. Trastevere, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Sanocki for helping with the campout. (SPL - Aaron)

Fundraiser – Wreath Sale

Yes, it's that time of year again. The Troop's main fundraiser is here. The following are key dates:

Oct. 26th – Flyers and order forms at TM
Oct. 30th/31st – Church Stuff Guardian
Nov. 13th/14th – Church Mass Sale
TBD – Abraham Delivery

At the Troop Meeting on Oct. 26th, flyers and order forms will be passed out to the scouts. Scouts are needed to help stuff flyers into the Guardian (Oct. 30th / 31st). We will be selling wreaths at masses the weekend of Nov. 13th / 14th. There will be sign-up sheets for the masses and for the Abraham sell. Scouts will be given 1-week notice to the date of the Abraham delivery. The total items from the group sells will be divided up amongst all the scouts that help each. If a scout sells (individual + group) 25 or more items (excluding stands), they will earn \$1 per item. That means if you sell 25 items, you earn \$25; if you sell 24 items, you earn \$0. (SM)

Parent Volunteers - Registered

To keep the Troop running and even make it better, we need more parents to help out. There are several positions that we need filled. These are very small activities; some are only once a year.

Here is a list of the positions:

- ☞☞ Fundraising Coordinator
- ☞☞ Camping Coordinator
- ☞☞ Picnic Coordinator
- ☞☞ Christmas Party Coordinator
- ☞☞ Court of Honor Coordinator
- ☞☞ Community Service Coordinator
- ☞☞ Committee Member
- ☞☞ Chaplain
- ☞☞ Equipment Coordinator
- ☞☞ Training Coordinator

Please consider signing up for a position. We do not want to assign positions to parents. Several positions have been broken down to a lower, more specific task. (SM)

Dues

Dues are the responsibility of each scout. The Troop has dues of \$.50 for each Troop Meeting. This is whether you attend or not. If you cannot attend a Troop Meeting, then it is the scout's responsibility to call their PL, SPL, ASPL or Adult Leaders to let them know they will not be there. If this is done, then the scout has an excused absence, but still owes \$.50 in dues. If the Scout does not get excused, then they owe \$1.00. **ALL DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ATTENDING A BOARD OF REVIEW, CAMPOUT OR TROOP ACTIVITY.**

There is now a SPECIAL form / envelope each scout should use when paying their dues. This speeds up the process and helps reduce problems at each meeting. Dues should be turned in at the beginning of each Troop Meeting to the Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader will take attendance and then turn this over to the Troop Scribe. (SM)

Patrol Points - Uniform

At the first Troop Meeting, we were told about Patrol Points. At the Troop Meetings, the Patrol Leaders will "inspect" their Patrols for wearing the proper uniform. I will pass out inspection sheets at the meeting. (Platypus PL - Alex)

Newsletter Assignments

As a Junior Scout Leader, each of us has a responsibility to put 2 articles in the Monthly Newsletter each year. You need to write something about our position and the other one can deal with any scouting subject. See one of the Adult Scout Leaders for more details. (Platypus PL - Alex)

Training

It is the National direction that all Scout Leaders and Committee Members be "Trained". I'm currently attending training courses that are required of Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. We need to make sure there are enough trained adults to fill positions as leaders leave or transition. Below, I've listed the courses required for Committee Members and Scout Leaders. Our district offers these several times a year. Each class ranges from 2 hours to 2 days.

Committee Member

Fast Start (Online or Video)
New Leader Essentials (Oct 2nd / Nov 16th)
Troop Committee Challenge
Youth Protection Training

Scout Leaders

Fast Start
New Leader Essentials (Oct 2nd / Nov 16th)
Troop Committee Challenge
Youth Protection Training
Scoutmaster & ASM Basic Leader – I (Oct 4th)
Scoutmaster & ASM Basic Leader – II (Oct 11th)
Introduction to Outdoor Skills (Oct 22nd-24th)
Merit Badge Counselor Orientation (Oct 13th)
University of Scouting (Nov 6th)
Wood Badge

(Blue are required and *Italicized* are additional courses) (SM)

Sign-ups

Don't forget to sign-up for the November Campout. We are going to Cole Canoe Base. It is our Fall Clean-up and Webelos Campout. We will be raking and blowing the leaves at our campsite and possibly some other spots. We plan to build a permanent axe yard, set-up a permanent orienteering course, hide a Boy Scout Geocache and take some pictures of the camp for the DAC Website. (SM)