



Troop 1094's Aerie

God Bless America!

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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.

Dec 3	Christmas Party / Laser Tag
Dec 8	Climbing (LTF)
Jan 10	Swim Night / Rank Adv.
Jan 14-16	Wright Patterson AFB
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 Campout Hiking / Backpacking

It was very fun learning about being able to survive outdoors using only essential things. For me and my fellow first year scouts this is our first for many things, such as using a new fire technique the box, using our recently made miniature alcohol stoves made out of pop cans, and learning how to stay dry from the rain. Being dry is very important to stay warm, not keeping warm can lead to hypothermia or extreme cold, which can be deadly if you do not get warmed up in time. A main way I stayed warm was wearing a hat to bed, and I'm sure you would be surprised how much a good hat can make a difference. Aside from being dry we also walked a six-mile hike on the Pedro Trail, after three miles we stopped and ate lunch on our small alcohol stoves. For lunch we had Ramen Noodles, Mac n Cheese, and granola bars. After we got back from the hike we had a well-deserved dinner of chicken pot pie. (Dill H. - Patriot Patrol)

Court of Honor

At the last Troop Meeting, we held our Fall Court of Honor. We had twelve (12) scouts earn 84 badges – 60 Merit Badges, 4 BSA Scuba and 7 Rank Advancements. We also had our FOS – Friends of Scouting. If you were not at the COH, but should have received badges, please see Mr. Maskill. (SPL - Aaron)

Answers - 1c, 2e, 3f, 4h, 5g, 6d, 7b, 8a

November Campout

For our November Campout, we went to CCB for the Annual Fall Cleanup. Several Webelos I's and II's from GA joined us. On Friday night, all the scouts and parents made Monkey's Fists. On Saturday, the Webelos did Tree Identification. The scouts did a great job cleaning our campsite, Maple Flats, along with the Admin Building. After cleaning up the leaves, the Webelos took a tour of the camp. For supper, we had steaks and potatoes on the campfire. We also made a Peach Cobbler and a Chocolate Cheese Cake in Dutch Ovens. We had a great Campfire Program that night. The scouts put on many skits and learned about Fire Safety. (SM)

Fundraiser – Wreath Sale

We would like to thank all the scouts for attempting to have a successful fundraiser. At this point, we are behind previous years sales. Due to this, we will either need to have other fundraising or increase the Annual Troop Fees. (SM)

Parent Volunteers – Committee Members

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. If you would like to help, see Mr. Cox or Mr. Maskill.

We would like to encourage each family to have at least one parent or guardian as a registered Committee Member. We have Committee Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This is where we approve what the scouts want to do, establish Troop Policy and insure that the Troop is running as it should. Please consider attending a meeting. (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. (SM)

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. (SM)

Activities

Over the next several months, we have several activities for the scouts:

- ☞☞ Swim Night / Rank Advancement
- ☞☞ Webelos Cross-over
- ☞☞ Rockets
- ☞☞ Computer Merit Badge

(SM)

Community Service

In January, the Troop will be putting together a food drive to replenish the Guardian Angels Pantry. Everyone always wants to help during the holidays, but then it seems to die down. This effort should restock much that was used during the holidays. I would like to thank Aaron, Tom and Zach F. for volunteering to coordinate this activity. (SM)

SPL Recipes

Boy Scout Peach Cobbler

- 2 32-ounce cans of sliced peaches in heavy syrup
- 4 cups biscuit mix
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1. For easy clean-up, line the Dutch Oven with a double layer of aluminum foil.
2. Gently pour into the oven one can of peaches and syrup.
3. Drain the syrup from the second can into the first and save it.
4. Place the peaches from the second can into the oven.
5. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon over the fruit.
6. Combine the biscuit mix with the sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, and enough of the reserved syrup to make a soft dough.
7. Layer the dough mixture over the fruit in the oven.
8. Place the lid on the oven, cover it with coals, and bake until dough is golden brown. (For a 12 inch DO, use 15 on top and 9 on bottom.)

(SPL - Aaron)

CORPS 5 Swimming

The CORP 5 is being offered at Lamphere High School again this winter and spring. The Winter Session starts on Nov. 29th; it is mainly for learning to swim. The next session starts January 3rd. It is for Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges. Red Cross Lifeguard will also be available. There is a \$3.00 cost per night. (SM)

Troop Elections

At the November 23rd Troop Meeting, scouts will be nominating scouts for Leadership Positions. Ballots will then be made up for voting at the next Troop Meeting on December 14th. All scouts that are First Class or higher need to hold a Leadership Position to advance in rank. It is each scouts decision whether to hold a position. (SM)

Tree Identification

On the Troop's webpage, there is a new PDF file that I've created for the scouts to use for easy tree identification. The trees listed are ones that they would see while we are camping here in Michigan. The easiest way to identify a tree is to look at its leaves, needles, cones, acorns or flowers.

Before you look, test your skills: (Match game)

	Tree
1	Red Oak
2	White Oak
3	White Pine
4	Red Pine
5	Black Walnut
6	Tulip
7	Sassafras
8	Sycamore

	Characteristics
a	Sheds bark. Bark is unique. Looks like a boa constrictor or camouflage. Has a ball cluster.
b	The leaves are very distinct - three different shapes. 1 - oval 2 - mitten shaped and 3 - three pronged (W). Scouts say it looks like a dinosaur footprint. The twigs give off a root beer smell.
c	The low, flat shape of the cup is distinctive; in fact, it has no cup, it has a saucer. Bark is rougher and reddish. Pointed Lobe Tips.
d	Has a big flower. Leaf is unique; looks like a Maple with the center tip split in two; four points. One of the only leaves with no center point.
e	Round Lobe Tips. Bark is smooth on young and pale color. The cup is smaller, but the kernel is larger and long.
f	Leaves are in bunches of 5, and are 3 to 5 inches long; cones 4 to 8 inches (long).
g	Wood a dark purplish brown or gray; has flakes or chips (Burnt Potato Chips). Leaflets 13 to 23; and 3 to 5 inches long. Fruit nearly round,
h	Leaves 4 to 6 inches long, in bunches of 2, cones 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches (med). Reddish bark.

Answers on page 1 (SM)