



Troop 1094's Aerie

God Bless America!

April 2008

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Calendar & Reminders

Troop 1094's 2008 Calendar is on the Troop Webpage (www.troop1094bsa.com). Highlights are included in this newsletter.

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| Apr 1 st | Troop Mtg (No PLC) |
| Apr 4-6 | Wild-game Cookout Climbing |
| Apr 8th | Troop Mtg |
| Apr 8th | FOS – Friends of Scouting |
| Apr 15 th | Committee Mtg |
| Apr 22 nd | Troop Mtg |
| May 16-18 | Rendezvous Camp-o-ree |
| May 13-15 | NR Dist Camporee |
| Jul 26-Aug 2 | Summer Camp (CCB) |

Re-Charter Fees

The Troop Re-Chartered a couple of months ago. Normally, each year the scouts will pay the Re-Charter fees plus an Annual Troop Fee. The Committee did not determine the Annual Troop Fee. At this point, each scout needs to pay \$22 for the Re-Charter Fee. If you have not paid your Re-Charter Fee, please contact Mr. Trastevere. (MC)

GA Open House Sunday, March 9

The GA Open House was on Sunday, March 9th at 1pm. The Troop had a table promoting the Troop. Also, we started the Garbage Bag Sale. Thanks to Mr. Micu, Mr. Polasky and others for working the event. (MC)

Adult Registration

If you plan to either go on an overnight campout or stay at summer camp, you MUST be registered. Please see either Mr. Micu or Mr. Cox for a form. We'll have to get these forms down to DAC before the next campout. (MC)

FOS – Friends of Scouting

At the April 8th Troop Meeting, Mr. Toenniges will be conducting the Annual FOS. It would be greatly appreciated if ALL parents could attend the first 45 minutes. As most of you already know, this is the main way Scouting gets funded. (MC)

Summer Camp 2008 July 27-August 2, 2008

We may be going to camp on Saturday. I need to confirm that it is ok.

I attended the Leader's Meeting and have the camp books. We'll have a meeting dedicated to Summer Camp next month. The boys will need to think about what they want to take and work on prerequisites. We need to register online starting May 1st.

At this point, we have over seven adults / leaders that will be attending. There is a \$100 fee per adult. To help, we are going to use the Garbage Bag Fundraiser to pay these fees. Also, Detroit Area Council is giving incentives to earn free leaders. If the entire Troop is paid in full by April 30th, we get a Free Leader.

One note – Boy Scouts of America has a FIRM policy that Scouts may not have any electronic devices while at Summer Camp. That includes iPods, MP3s, Cell Phones, and games. There are no exceptions. I think we (the adult leaders), could get a water-proof lock box to keep cell phones. If the boys are seen in camp with an electronic device anywhere in camp, it will be taken by staff or Troop Leaders.

Also, this year, CCB is "Going Green". They are limiting the amount of campsite garbage. That means we will need to use mess kits or scout plate kits. Each scout / adult will need a kit and a dip / dry bag.

We may want to look into getting our Troop / Adults swim tested prior to camp. Remember there are discounts for brothers and multiple camps sessions (NYLT does to count).

DAC has provided a payment schedule. Equal amounts of \$85 are due by March 30th, April 30th and May 30th. A \$50 late fee will be added to Troops not making a payment by March 30th. If payments are made by the due dates, the Troop will receive a credit for one Leader (\$100). If the entire Troop is paid in full by April 30th, the Troop will receive a credit for one Leader (\$100). If all the scouts on the Charter attend Summer Camp, we get another credit for a free Leader (\$100).

There is a Scout Family and Multiple Camp discount. If two brothers attend camp, the family gets a \$25.00 credit on the second scout. There is a \$20.00 discount for Scouts who attend a second week of Council summer programs including: D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Cole Canoe Base, Trail to Eagle, Yucca Trail and Ranch Hand. The Scout will pay full price for the first program and receive the discount for the second program he attends. Philmont, Sea Base and NYLT do not qualify. Credits should be taken off the last payment.

If your scout plans to attend Summer Camp and you have not made the initial \$85 payment for March 30th, please contact a Troop Leader as soon as possible.

There is a \$25 late fee per scout that is not paid in full by May 30th.

Leader Books, Medical Forms, Payment Schedules, Maps and other information is available at the Cole Canoe Base – Summer Camp page.

http://www.dacbsa.org/cc_camp/SummerCampin gHomePage.htm
From here, click on "Camping for Boy Scouts" Then, click on "Cole Canoe Base" (right side) (MC)

Physicals

A doctor in Westland is offering \$20 physicals. He is an Eagle Scout. He will give \$10 back to the Troop. Good for Scouts and Adults.

www.dacbsa.org/CC_Camp/summer-camp-physicals.htm

Dr. Stan Sczencienski, 6149 N. Wayne Road
Westland, Michigan 48150 (734) 729-7408 (MC)

Troop Religious Awards

Mrs. Coyne has been certified as a Religious Counselor for the Ad Altare Dei. This is one of the Catholic Religious Awards for Boy Scouts. It is recommended for boys 13-14. However older boys can earn it, it may require some extra work. For older Catholic boys (15-16 or older), there is the Pope Pius XII Religious Award. If we have boys of other faiths, we can find local counselors. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Coyne for taking on this responsibility. Boys, it is up to YOU to work on the award. We'll have Mrs. Coyne give an update to the Troop at one of the upcoming meetings.

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting sponsors an event ever other year. It is the St. George Trek at Philmont. The next trip is July 20 to August 5, 2009. You must be in High School and 15 years old by that date. There is a \$600 fee. I'd be willing to talk to our GA Church Committee and GAP about sponsoring a Scout. The Archdiocese is encouraged to underwrite Registration costs for participants. Financial assistance is available. If you anyone is interested, please let me know. The next St. George Trek would be in 2012.

Additionally, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers a series of Rosary Patches (Joyful Mysteries, Luminous Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries, Glorious Mysteries, and Pray the Rosary). There are requirements based on your grade (1st-5th or 6th-12th). (Note to Mrs. Micu and Mrs. Pippin – these would be great for the Cub Scouts.)

For more information, you can look at <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php> (MC)

April Campout – April 4-6 Wild-game Cookout

We are almost full on the April Campout. We have 20 Scouts and around 10 adults attending. The campout is at Camp Kiwanis in Mason, Michigan. I'd like us to attend mass at St. Josephs in Howell. Masses are on Sunday at 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM. If we can make the 10:00 am, we can still be back to the KofC parking lot by Noon'ish. We will be planning the menu at the next Troop Meeting. We will need some scouts to purchase some food items. We will be working on compass and rank advancement.
<http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org/camping/kiwanis>
www.stjosephhowell.com (MC)

May Campout – May 16-18 2008 Rendez - Vous

The campout is at Willow Metropark.
www.dacbsa.org/CC_ACT/Rendez-Vous/index.htm
The Troop must be registered by 4/14. The fee is \$15 per person. There is a late fee of \$5 after 4/14 and \$10 after 5/1. Also, there is a \$4 vehicle pass each day (\$12 total). There are no refunds. (MC)

NYLT – New Youth Leadership Training

The New Youth Leadership Training course is June 22-28, 2008 at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. Last year, Michael Peterson attended. If you are interested, please let your Troop Leadership know. The cost is \$280. There is a possibility for a special scholarship or Troop assistance. You must be 13 or older, First Class or higher and recommended by your Scoutmaster.

www.dacbsa.org/CC_SCHEDTNG/sch-NYLT-Pinecone.htm

(MC)

TTE – Trail To Eagle

There are still openings for TTE. Meetings start in April. The Fee this year is \$300; \$50 deposit and \$250 due by May 1st. There would be a \$20 discount if you are attending Summer Camp. Check it out at www.dacbsa.org. Look for Camping or TTE.

(MC)

First Aid Meet

Northridge District Annual First-aid Meet
Saturday, April 19th
9 am to 1 pm
Madison Heights Fire Department
31313 Bush
Madison Heights, MI 48071
\$4 by April 4 / \$5 after

If we have boys interested, we'll need an Activity Coordinator to make contact and registration.
www.dacbsa.org/DAC-NR/nr-home.htm

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(MC)

Service Hours

Each Scout should be keeping track of their service hours and activities for their Scout Rank requirements. This includes altar servers, funeral masses, helping at school or other community activities. Keep track of the date, organization and hours. Also, if you can, get a representative from that organization to sign the note.

Mrs. Eschelbach mentioned that older Scouts could help out at Cub Day Camp. We will get more information. Also, there is a 1 Day Service Project at Historic Fort Wayne on April 12th (see <http://www.dacbsa.org/DAC-TR/tr-home.htm>).
(MC)

Fundraiser – Garbage Bags

We are initially using the Garbage Bag Fundraiser to fund the fees for the Leaders and Adults that wish to attend Summer Camp. At this point, we have 7 Leaders / Adults signed up to attend. That means we need to sell as an example 70 boxes of the large trash bags. After we fund this need, the Committee will target another Troop need. We would like to pre-purchase a supply and sell them after weekend's masses. We would need to put together some flyers and get a note in the bulletin the week before. I will try to contact Father about a weekend. Selling the bags will be a new, on-going fundraiser. Labels have been made by Tyler/Logan's grandfather - Steve. These should help with purchasers when they want to re-order.

Since some orders were already taken, I hope to get the bags by the next Troop Meeting. (MC)

Fundraiser – Ink Cartridges

We are going to start collecting ink cartridges for a fundraiser. A local Troy company pays for each cartridge. They can be single cartridges from home printers or even office laser / copier cartridges. We will be getting a collection box for the church and be providing the Troop and Community more information. I will contact Ms. Hammerschmidt for approval regarding the collection box. (MC)