

### **Scoutmaster's Minute**

Congratulations to all of the new Scout Leaders who took office at the Court of Honor. I know that all of you will do a great job and further develop your leadership skills. Those of you that need leadership credit for Rank Advancement need to have gone through JLT Training in the past 12 months to earn you leadership. Also you must be active in a least 66% of the Troop Activities to have the opportunity to earn your Leadership credit.

My special thanks needs to go to Steve Vaughan, our Advancement Chair, for putting on an incredible Court of Honor. We had over 140 Merit Badges and 34 Rank advancements earned by our Scouts in just the past 4 months. But the scripting, the organization and the pageantry were all the devices of Mr. Vaughan. We are extremely lucky to have him as our Advancement Chair.

I will always remember my pledge to keeping this Troop a Scout led organization (as opposed to a Scouter led). I am enthusiastic about my new role as Scoutmaster. But I will always remember that my task is to assist the Scouts in implementing their program. With my great staff of Assistant Scoutmasters, I may even get in those required naps for the Scoutmaster's Merit Badge.

### **Popcorn Article**

Make sure that James Dean gives you something to put in here about popcorn. We need to sell some popcorn and raise some money. Include in here about how the Scout can earn 25% of the **profit** from the popcorn sales that they sell.

### **Backpacking Trip**

The Scouts of 1776 will experience the ultimate in camping on this trip. Everything goes in on our backs. This month the Scouts are receiving the training required for this campout. The food will be arranged for by the Troop and will be part of the Camping Fee for the event. Don't go out and buy equipment just for this trip. Or don't feel that you can't go just because you don't have equipment. You can rent backpacking frames for the weekend from REI, Galyans or Sports Authority. Ronald Franke is in charge of this trip assisted by Assistant Scoutmasters Robbie Rousselot and Michael Taylor. **(What is the Cost, Location, Permission Form)**

### **OA/Homecoming Camping Trip**

It is not too early to think about November's Camping Trip to Comer Scout Reservation. This year we will have many Webelos visiting our Troop to qualify for their Arrow of Light rank. Each Patrol will be asked to put on an Activity Station for the Webelos to experience. The activity should relate to a Scouting skill that you should teach them and then put into practice. More on this to follow at the next PLC Meeting.

On this trip, we will also have our annual Thanksgiving feast. We will have many turkeys (deep fried, smoked, and roasted) and all of the homecoming fixings. We will need lots of Grey Hair Patrol members to assist in the preparation of this feast. The OA Scouts, led by our new OA Unit Representative Alex Jaracz, will also lead us in a special OA Ceremony.

Scoutmaster Tom Morin is coordinating the event with assist from Committee Chair David Jaracz, Assistant Scoutmaster Joe Staak and former Scoutmaster Chet Popkowski. All Scouts

and parents should plan to attend, the more the merrier. Cost for the event will be \$20 including Saturday night dinner, all other meals are additional patrol expenses. Adults will eat with the Grey Hair Patrol. All other Patrols will cook other meals over open fires (no charcoal).

### **Food Drives**

Unfortunately the collection date for the next Food Drive occurs on the weekend we are backpacking (10/22 – 10/24), so that excuses those that are backpacking. But those that are not backpacking should at least cover one Mass for collecting Food before Masses. **Class A Uniform is required to get Service Hours for the Food Drive Collection.** One Hour Credit is given for each Mass worked.

Everyone should plan to pass out bags on the weekend of October 16 – 17. After communion, please report to the back of the church for assignment. **No Uniforms are required for passing out of the bags.** Each Mass worked will be credited as 30 minutes of Service Hours.

### **Religious Awards**

If you desire to work on the Catholic Scout Ad Altare Dei Religious Award or the Religious Award from your faith, please contact Ed Rousselot (?????) or Libby Quamstrom (?????) for more details. We strongly encourage all Scouts to earn their Religious Award of their Faith. The Troop will provide the Religious Emblem Book to serious candidates.

### **JLT Training**

(Unless I am extremely wrong there is no place reserved for this. We should try to hold at Fullers Park at the #1 Pavilion.) We need to encourage all JLT people to attend.

### **Community Service Project**

We have been asked to assist in a community service project at St. Ann's. The Parish and Family Life Commission is sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner for Koskov Refugee families in the area. What they would like the Scouts to do is to organize some games for the children to play. The date is October 9 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center. If any Patrol or Scout would like to participate in this worthy service project, please let your Scoutmaster know.