



# THE NO NAME NEWSLETTER

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## Passing of FPC Senior Pastor

On Friday, December 30, 2005, Boy Scout Troop 1131 and the First Presbyterian Church (FPC) were saddened to learn of the passing of Senior Pastor Dr. Douglas Barranger. As senior pastor, Dr. Barranger was not only the head of staff for the church, he was also the head of the Troop. Dr. Barranger was honored by the Detroit Area Council in May of 2005, for his and the church's continued support of the Boy Scouts. The Troop passes along condolences to family of Dr. Barranger and members of the FPC. More info will be posted on [www.troop1131.org](http://www.troop1131.org) & [www.firstpresdearborn.org](http://www.firstpresdearborn.org) as it is learned.

## Troop has New Newsletter

By: Kevin J. Fox  
Scoutmaster

Since January of 2005, the Troop has been trying to communicate better with it's Scouts and adult leaders. The first effort Started four months later on April 1st. The Troop went all high tech and opened it's website, at [www.troop1131.org](http://www.troop1131.org) (see page 8 for more info about the website.) Starting January 1st, of this year we have added another form of communications - this newsletter, *the No Name*

*Newsletter*. The Troop hopes to make this a quarterly newsletter. We hope that we will be able to keep everyone informed, at home or at Troop meetings. We have included articles from some of the Scouts, as well as some of the adult leaders. We want to continue with all of the included features, as well as come up with some new ones.

By all means, this is a work in progress. The fun part is, that we can only get better from here on out, and I hope that we do. This newsletter is only an additional source of information from the Troop. The best source of information is from the Troop meetings themselves.

We plan to publish the newsletter every 3 months, in January, April, July, and October. We figured those months would be the most appropriate times to publish, as they are just before some of our major events that go on in the Troop.

Please take a few moments and read all of our articles . If you have any suggestions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please talk with me at a Troop meeting, or shot me an email. I look forward to feedback: good, bad or otherwise.

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### What did you say??

Xin Nian Kuai Le. Akimashite Omedetto Gozaimasu. Feliz Ano Novo. \*ãñðèðà líâà Ãíàèíà (pronounced "Chestita Nova Godina"). Gelukkige nuwe jaar. Godt Nytår. No matter what language you say it in, it all means the same: **Happy New Year**. The Troop wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year. May the new year bring you every thing you ever wanted, and so much more.

# Klondike is a (wintery) blast

By: Steely Eyed Eagle Scout  
Investigative Reporter  
*The Aerie Chronicle*

Hello everyone, My name is Steely Eyed Eagle Scout, and I am the investigative reporter for Detroit Area Council's Trail to Eagle camp newspaper, *The Aerie Chronicle*. The leadership from your troop has asked me to report on your District's Annual Klondike. Being that I only use my skills one week a year, I figured why not? So here I go.....

Where do I begin? I am more familiar with reporting about Eagle Scout candidates. When I am at D-A Scout Ranch, I only have to research about what is going on in camp. Here, I have the entire Three Rivers District to look upon. Being that D-A is my home turf, I figured that is where I should start. I checked with the Martin Building and found out the dates, January 27 - 29, 2006. The location would be D-A Scout Ranch. Then I looked up your cabin, and found out that you are staying in Frisckorn cabin. The cabin holds 25 people, and has an awesome kitchen for cooking.

With the basics down, now it was time to find out the theme. But where in the world do I even search? I thought about asking the adults in

your Troop, but then I realized that they didn't know either, because that is why I am working on this project. I went to your Troops website, and found out information that I already knew. Then I figured that I would go to the Detroit Area Council's website ([www.dacbsa.org](http://www.dacbsa.org)). On the site, I found a 12 page flyer, which had all the information regarding the Klondike. Why didn't the adults go to the website?

The flyer said that there would be seven stations going around Trout Lake & Jack lord subcamps. These stations include Sledding incident, smoke filled room, ice rescue,

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hypothermia, team work, problem solving, and water boiling. I also found out that there will also be 10 "mini" stations along the route. The flyer says to look for the "?" along the way. I don't understand what that means. The cool part about the events is, that you are scored in Klondike Buck\$. The better you do at the stations, the more buck\$ you earn. After the days events are over, these Buck\$ will be used in a first ever Klondike Auction. Every patrol that competes will be able to "bid" on

items that have been supplied. The supplied items will come from you, that you donate. After every patrol has bid and received an auction item, patrols will be allowed to combine Buck\$, and "bid" on the two remaining items.

A tradition at every Klondike is being utilized this year again. The organizers of the Klondike are conducting the annual sledge race. At the same time, the organizers will conduct a stretcher race. The race will consist of two poles and a blanket. After talking to your adult leaders, they say you know how to make a stretcher. Both events will be timed and a trophy awarded to the top contenders.

Closing ceremonies will be conducted at Wyckoff Lodge, with a scouts own service, the auction, and awarding of the trophies. After the formal portion, a movie will follow, while I am very good at investigating, I still have not been able to figure out what movie will be on screen. I have shared all of this information, plus more with your adults. They have told me that they will share this information with you at a troop meeting.

I hope that I have investigated to the best of my ability. So what is that Theme again? See you next time....

# Steps in Advancement

Reprinted from [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org)

Advancement, one of the eight methods by which the aims of Scouting are achieved, has four steps through each award level.

First, the Scout **learns**. Much of his learning comes from other boys in his patrol or troop and by active participation in troop program. His patrol activities are directed toward the skills he needs. Every troop hike, camping trip, or other activity offers potential learning experiences. A Scout

learns to pitch a tent by pitching one, to use a compass by finding directions, and to cook a meal by having to prepare and eat it.

Second, the Scout **is tested**. The specific requirements determine the kind of testing. Verbal testing is sufficient in some instances. In other instances, a Scout must demonstrate his skills by doing.

Third, the Scout **is reviewed**. The purpose of the review is to ensure that all requirements for advancement have been met. This includes a check of

the Scout's attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting, in addition to his Scoutcraft skills. The decision regarding whether a Scout has met the required standards to qualify for rank advancement begins with the troop and, for the Eagle Scout rank, is approved by the district, local council, and finally, the National Council.

Fourth, the Scout **is recognized**. The final step in advancement involves presentation of the badge, usually at a ceremony before the entire troop.

## Campouts

Once a month, every month, the Troop offers a campout. Listed below, is the upcoming campouts for the rest of the 2005 -2006 Scout year. Please be advised, that the February campout was moved to the first week of March. Some dates could change, please watch the website for more information.

January 27 -29, 2006 -Three Rivers District Klondike, D-A Scout Ranch
March 3 - 5 , 2006 - Camp Miakonda - Booker Cabin
March 24 - 26, 2006 - Camp Agawam -
April 28 - 30, 2006 - Spring Fling, D-A Scout Ranch
May 19 - 21, 2006 - Three Rivers District Spring Camporee, LHM
July 22- 29, 2006 - Summercamp, Cole Canoe Base, Lucky Portage Site

## The *No Name Newsletter* needs a name

The beginning of this newsletter is off to a slow start, but nonetheless, it had to start somewhere. We have the ideas, we content, we have pictures, we have stories, but we have no name. With no name, the newsletter can only provide so much information, so this is

where we can use your help, the newsletter needs a name. The newsletter is having a contest, to come up with it's name. The contest is open to the Scouts of Troop 1131 only. Let the Scout Oath & Law be your guide in suggesting a name. We will be continuing with *The No Name News-*

*letter* as its name until a suitable name is found. Please submit your ideas to Mr. Fox, our Scoutmaster. Entries will be accepted until February 6th. A prize will be given to the Scout with the winning idea. Good Luck, and we look forward to a new name.

# Pancake Breakfast Service Project

By: Mike Fox, Sr.  
Fundraising Chair

2006 marks a new year for the Troops fundraising efforts. This year the Troop was asked to cook a pancake breakfast for the *Gilwell Reunion Breakfast*. The breakfast is for all of the Detroit Area Council training groups. These groups include Woodbadge, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), OKPIK (Cold Weather

Camping), and Powderhorn (Venture Leader).

The breakfast will be served at the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. Attendees will meet on Saturday January 21st, at 7:30am for Fellowship, with breakfast being served at 8:30am. We are asking all youth members and parents that will be assisting, to be at the Church at 5:30am to start cooking and setting up.

The Troop will be paid for each person attending the breakfast, with all profits being divided amongst the workers. The money will be applied to the Scouts escrow accounts. Please show up to work in class "B" uniforms, and bring a class "A" to eat in. Please contact me to sign up, at my email: [golfouting@troop1131.org](mailto:golfouting@troop1131.org) or see Scoutmaster Fox at a Troop meeting. See you on the 21st.

## Did you Know ?

By Mitchell T.  
Scout

Hi my name is Mitchell. I'm eleven years old and I go to Light and Life school. My favorite subject is history, because it reminds me of one of my favor-

ite games (*The Age of Empires* series). My favorite thing to do outside of school is play floor hockey. My favorite position is goalie, I play with my dad, usually in our driveway. I also like to fish. My dad is from Canada, so we usually go up there once a year to visit relatives and fish

for bass and pike. I always catch the biggest fish. My dad's biggest fish always seems to get away.

I have a two-year-old baby sister. She's a lot of fun. I watch movies and play games with her. She is very active.

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I've been in scouts since I was a wolf. My dad was the cub master. What I like about scouts is that we get to go camping, fishing, and biking. Scouting is fun. I plan on becoming an Eagle Scout.

I watch TV and movies. My favorite new movie is Narnia. I also got the game Narnia for Christmas. I'm looking forward to continuing my scouting in Troop 1131.

# Scout Sunday is Feb 5th, 2006

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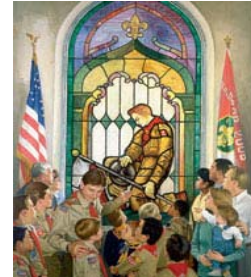
The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. Units are encouraged to conduct a Scout Sunday observance on Scout Sunday, or any Sunday in February.

Scout Sunday is celebrated by

thousands of Scouts each year at Churches & Synagogues across the United States. The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week to commemorate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America and the issuing of the National Charter from Congress. The first Sunday in February is called SCOUT SUNDAY.

Units should plan on attending church in full uniform, act as ushers, or participate in some way with their own Church. It is most appropriate

that this be with your chartering organization if it is a church.



*(The Troop will celebrate Scout Sunday on Feb 5th. Please watch the website for more information.)*

## Scouting is a Game

*By: Steely Eyed Eagle Scout  
Investigative Reporter  
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Scouting is GAME with a PURPOSE . Your troop maintains a quality advancement program for all ranks and skills. Members lead the troop in all areas of activities and instruction. Youth members may explore special areas of interest in the merit badge program in addition to working on rank advancement. Regular outings are held involving camping, hiking, climbing, horseback riding, canoeing, nature, education, history and citizenship.

Our purpose in the BSA, is to promote citizenship, develop

character, increase physical/mental fitness and provide moral leadership to the boys, that are entrusted to us.

Campouts are for developing individual camping skills. They are generally scheduled for each month of the year. Camporees are held in May, October, and January with other troops in our District. *(See article on page 2 about the Three Rivers District Klondike.)* The Troop encourage it's scouts to enjoy camping, canoeing, and other rewarding adventures in the great outdoors.

A well-rounded boy should have involvement with his family, church, school, Scouting, band, sports. The Scouting

program makes time for these other important commitments. The Troop's goal is to help young men learn leadership skills, while participating in inviting activities and community projects.

You can't get what Scouting offers anywhere but in Scouting!

Hopefully, the adults have taught the Scouts how to do everything to be prepared. I found the following excerpt, if they have done their job, this should hold true.....

***Character: Doing the right thing even when no one else is around!***

# Quick Glance at the Calendar

January 2, 2006 - No Meeting

January 9 - PLC

January 9 - Troop Meeting

January 14 - Merit Badge Mania

January 16 - Troop Meeting

January 21 - Pancake Breakfast Service Project

January 23 - Troop Meeting

January 27/28/29 - Klondike @ D-A

January 30 - Troop Meeting

February 5 - Scout Sunday

February 6 - PLC

February 6 - Troop Meeting

February 13 - Troop Meeting

February 18 - MBM Follow up

February 18 - Jerimie's Eagle Court of Honor

February 20 - Troop Meeting

February 27 - Troop Meeting

For a more detailed listing, please see the attached calendar

## Merit Badge Mania (MBM)

Make sure that you keep working on your Pre-reqs for MBM. The dates are Jan 14th, and follow up on Feb 18th. Don't Forget that cost is \$3 for the day. Please let Mr. Fox, Our Scoutmaster know if you want

that to come out of your escrow account. We will use our Jan 9th meeting to help you finish your pre-reqs, make sure that you bring them with you. The location is Crestwood High School; 1501 N. Beech Daly

Road, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Check-in is at 8:30 am. don't forget to bring your completed worksheets. If you have questions please see Mrs. Komiensky, or Mr. Fox.

# Jamboree Revisited

Reprinted from [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

By: Jamboree Today Staff

As the official daily newspaper of the 2005 national Scout jamboree, *Jamboree Today* was granted access to the press pool covering President George Bush's visit to the closing arena show. Two youth reporters, Anne Jeffs and Alex Guillén, reflect on their impressions and experiences.

## Anne Jeffs

I came closer than most, but still fell short. My hand was less than an inch away from the President's arm, but then the crowd shifted, and he moved along, and I went back to my seat. The speech was impressive and the focus was Scouting. Besides, how many people can say they have heard the sitting President speak live?

If you did not get the chance to hear the President, his speech is on the [BSAJamboree.org](http://BSAJamboree.org) web site. It speaks volumes about us as Scouts, and us as American citizens. President Bush pointed out the good things in Scouting. He pointed out how people view the Boy Scouts when they are in uniform. When we wear the uniform we, "make a statement," Bush said. We need to realize that we make this statement, whether it is consciously or not,

because when we wear our Scouting uniforms, people don't judge us, they judge Scouting.

Less than 20 minutes after it started, President Bush's speech was over and he leisurely made his way across the front of the stage, back through a crowd of appreciative Scouts and out the door to the relief of the Secret Service. The band played on with songs of patriotism and significance, as we continued our celebration of Scout spirit.



Scouts react to President Bush's address at the Arena Show .

## Alex Guillén

Sitting amid reporters from CNN and The New York Times, and behind such VIPs as jamboree chairman Francis H. Olmstead Jr. and the explorer honorees, I stared up at the stage as Eagle Scout Daniel V., 15, of Dallas, Texas, announced the arrival of Presi-

dent George W. Bush. I had already been sitting in the press pit in front of the stage for five hours because heavy security for the close seating area mandated that I arrive at 2 p.m.

After the President's speech, the press, including me, had to vacate the pit. The stage crew literally collapsed the risers that some members of the press occupied because they [the risers] were obstructing the view of many Scouts.

When Jim Fowler released his eagle, the crate was only a few feet to my left. I don't know if they ever found the bird again.

I watched up close as four Scouts went on the Explorers' Challenge. But probably the best part was when the fireworks began. Each jamboree, Zambelli fireworks outdoes itself with the 27-minute pyrotechnic display, and 2005 was no exception. I particularly enjoyed the small "fish" fireworks that spun and sparked.

I looked at my watch. It read 11:15 p.m. I had been at the arena for more than nine hours. Returning to camp, I could smell the sulfur already settling in the air. I fell asleep dreaming of red and blue starbursts and lasers piercing the dark night. It is a memory that will be with me forever.

Photo Compliments of *Jamboree Today*

# Scoutmaster's Minute

By: Kevin J. Fox  
Scoutmaster

I became Scoutmaster on May 1st, 2005. I started with no big bang, no spectacular announcement, I just continued with what I was already doing. I had been doing the job of Scoutmaster, with Mr. Smith needing to step aside with the forthcoming birth of his son. Mr. Smith and I had talked earlier in the year about me taking over as Scoutmaster. He told me, "*you are already doing the*

*job, why not have the title too?"*

I had, up to that point, never thought about being Scoutmaster. I thought that I could assist the Scoutmaster. I love being in the background, making the Scoutmaster "*look good.*"

Since becoming Scoutmaster, I have found that I have grown into the position. I have seen myself grow over the last 7 months. I have seen a new sense of importance put upon myself.

I see the Scouts looking up to me for direction. I am happy to be able to give that direction. However, it is up to the Scouts to take the direction, wisdom, knowledge and run with it. I believe I have done my job, so far.

But I need to continue working on it, and give the direction that is looked upon me for. I plan to give my all, to see that every Scout is able to succeed.



## Website works too!

By: Kevin J. Fox  
Scoutmaster

Since April 1st, 2005 the Troop has been out in the wide world of space. We have been operating a website at the domain [www.troop1131.org](http://www.troop1131.org). The webmaster along with myself, have been updating the web-

site as needed. Over the last 9 months, the website has evolved, from a basic site to what we see now. The site contains some history of the Troop, as well as a lot of pictures. The home page has an extensive listing of all the upcoming events of the Troop. We also use the website to acknowledge different accomplishments and ac-

tivities of Troop members. The website has a printable copy of the Troop calendar. Please if you see outdated information, have an idea, or suggestion for the site, send me an email. My address is

[Scoutmaster@troop1131.org](mailto:Scoutmaster@troop1131.org).

What a great source of information the website is?

## Committee Chairs' Corner

By: David E. Smith  
Committee Chair

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that everyone had a good, relaxing holiday break and a good start to the new year. With the kids returning to school after the break, the Troop and Committee will be starting back up. Our next Troop Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be

going over plans for cooking at the upcoming Training Breakfast, making sure the Troop is set for Klondike at the end of the month, and also reviewing the plans for next month's Soup and Salad luncheon that we will be hosting for the church. Everyone is always welcome at the meetings and we're always looking for more people to become active com-

mittee members. If you are interested, please let Kevin or myself know and we can get you the paperwork to get started.

As a reminder, our Committee meetings are at 7:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the Youth Lounge, next to the Scout Room. Hope to see you there!