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Congratulations to newest Eagle

On Saturday, February 18, Jerimie T. had his Eagle Court of Honor. The ceremony was held at his Church, Charity Baptist, where he did his service project. The meaningful, and very moving ceremony lasted a little over an hour. Guest speakers included a Michigan State Trooper, a representative of the Mayor of the City of Dearborn, and the Pastor of Jerimie's Church, Pastor Halleck. The most moving part of the ceremony was when Jerimie presented Pastor Halleck with the Eagle Scout mentor pin. The mentor pin is presented to the person that has helped or motivated the new Eagle Scout in his own way.

Kiwanis honors Eagle Scouts

By: Gene Smith
Committee Member

For many years the Dearborn Outer Drive Kiwanis Club has given plaques to the Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout from the Dearborn Scout troops. One of the objectives of Kiwanis as a service club is to benefit the youth of the community and recognize outstanding achievements of youth in the community. The presentation of the Eagle plaque was originally done at the Eagle Scout's Court of

Honor. As the number of troops and Eagle Scouts grew, it became more difficult to get around to each of the Eagle ceremonies. More recently the

meetings and presenting plaques to the Scouts who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout during the previous twelve months. It has now become an annual event for the club to host an Eagle Scout Award Night for the newest Eagle Scouts from Dearborn Scout Troops. If anyone is interested in more information about Kiwanis or is interested in joining Kiwanis (parents) or Key Club, the high school club sponsored by Kiwanis, please contact our Troop treasurer, Gene Smith is a member of the Dearborn Outer Drive Kiwanis.



Eagle Scouts Eric J. (left), and Jerimie T. (right) with Troop Committee Member Gene Smith of the Dearborn Outer Drive Kiwanis.

club began hosting the Eagle Scouts and their parents at one of the regular Tuesday dinner

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4th Annual Golf Outing

For the fourth consecutive year, the Troop will be hosting its annual golf outing. This years golf outing will be held on August 20, at Robert Herndon's Dearborn Hills Golf Course. This is a week earlier than we are used too, but we had to make the change. Enclosed in this months newsletter is a copy of the golf outing flyer, feel free to make copies. Please visit the Troops website for more information.

Summertime at CCB w/ T-1111

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 last time asked me to report on your District's Annual Klondike. I felt that I did a very good job, and I wanted to have a follow-up story, and I was told NO. they wanted me to talk about Summertime instead. So here I go.....

For one week, every summer, your Troop enjoys the out of doors, away from the parents, Siblings, and all that is related to the city.

Troop 1131 attends a week-long summer camp every July. The cost for the camp is about \$225. The camp runs Sunday afternoon (we leave Saturday) through Saturday Morning. The camp offers numerous opportunities for the boys to work on advancement, merit badges, and generally enjoy fun activities. Activities include archery, rifle shooting, swimming, sailing, nature studies, etc. The boys sleep in Troop tents. Summertime this year at Cole Canoe Base, we leave

July 22 and return on the 29th. Once we arrive at camp all meals will be included.

During the week the boys eat meals in the campsite, taking turns to help cook & serve food and clean up. On the last night of camp our troop joins the rest of the camp to enjoy a camp wide campfire.

There are nightly camp-fire activities where the camp counselors (older scouts) lead the boys in skits and songs, or to work on "homework" There are opportunities for older scouts to work at the camp and earn service hours for advancement. The camp has a trading post where T-shirts, scouting items, candy, ice cream and drinks are available. Parents are welcome to stay all or part of the week. Both boys and adults staying overnight (except for the last Friday) will need to provide up-to-date medical forms.

The Troop is attending summertime with Troop 1111, out of the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. There is a joint meeting between the two Troops on **TUESDAY**, May 16th at Cherry Hill Presbyterian. This means that the May 15th meeting has been moved to **TUESDAY**, May 16th.

This meeting between the two Troops will be used to do a

lot of the planning. For example, the Scouts will be deciding what the joint Troop t-shirt will look like. The Scouts will also be deciding how the cooking will be done. The biggest thing for the meeting will be for the Scouts to get to know each other.

Besides the May 16th meeting, all adults, parents, and concerned individuals are encouraged to attend the April 18th Troop committee meeting at the First Presbyterian Church. This committee meeting will be used to help decide what type of payments will be made by the Troop, to each of the Scouts / Adults attending. The policy at the present time, is that they will not contribute to the Scouts, with the option of making a contribution in the spring. Guess what? Spring is here, and time to talk money.

The \$225.00 fee can be paid out of escrow accounts. Remember that fundraising projects are important to help build the escrow accounts. Please see Mrs. Caruso's article on page 4, for an option to earn money for the escrow accounts.

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

Service Hours for Advancement

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National BSA community service requirements are stated in the Scout Handbook and they are also listed below. Service Hours are required for earning the ranks of Second Class, Star, and Life Scout. A boy led Service Project is required for Eagle rank. Service Hours typically involve support of other Eagle service projects or community service. All service projects must be approved by the Scoutmaster.

Summary of Service Project Requirements:

•Second Class: One hour

service project

•Star: Take part in service projects totaling at least 6 hours of work.

•Life: Take part in service projects totaling at least 6 hours of work.

•Eagle: The Eagle candidate must "plan, develop, and give leadership to others" in a substantial service project. This is probably the most challenging requirement for Eagle. The service project must be for the good of the community, a religious institution, or a school. It cannot be for the benefit of a Scout facility or a business. It involves completing the re-

quirements in the "Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook" (available on-line from the national BSA website) and is to be an example of service "worthy of an Eagle".

When choosing an *Eagle Service Project*, appropriateness and safety must be considered. The key to the Eagle Scout Service Project is the demonstration of planning and leadership. The proposed project shall be pre-approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee. The proposed project must then be approved by a BSA Council District Advancement Committee representative before any implementation work begins.

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. Some dates could change, please watch the website for more information. We are working on the dates for the 2006 - 2007 scout year.

April 28 - 30, 2006 - Spring Fling, D-A Scout Ranch

May 19 - 21, 2006 - Three Rivers District Spring Camporee, D-A Scout Ranch

July 22- 29, 2006 - Summercamp, Cole Canoe Base, Lucky Portage Site, Troop 1111

Re-charter time for the Troop

For the last 61 years, Boy Scout Troop 1131 has re-chartered in the month of April. Starting with our Charter for 2007, that will change. The Detroit Area Council has mandated that all units now re-charter for the month of January. What does that mean for us? That means not a whole lot for most of us,

but for just one person. The committee member that is responsible for our re-charter, will have double the work to do this year. For this coming month of April, all registered Adults will need to let Gene Smith know, how they wish to pay for their registration fee? Either by paying it, or having it deducted from their escrow

account. The fee is \$12.00 for 2006. the 2007 fees have not been announced yet.

Youth do not pay for registration, that is picked up by the Troop. However, Don't forget that the Scouts will have to pay their 2007 annual dues between September 1st and November 6th.

Tupperware Anyone?

By: Mary Caruso
Committee Member

We will be starting a new and different fundraiser on April 24th. At the Troop meeting on the 24th, Tupperware manager, Cathie Burnett, will explain all the details. 40% of

any and all sales is profit. Whether a Scout sells one piece, or 50 pieces of Tupperware, a portion of the sales goes into the Scouts escrow accounts. Remember that Summercamp is right around the corner, and any funds that are in the escrow account can

help offset the cost of camp. Please come and find out what is new in Tupperware, and help your son earn money for his escrow account. Any questions? Please feel free to call me after April 10th at 313-216-7935. I hope to see everyone on April 24th, at 7:30.

Did you Know ?

By Alex G.
First Class Scout

My name is Alex Gabriel, and I don't really have a nickname, unless you count Sir Alexander Frances Gabriel, which is a inside joke. I was born on March 9, 1993, which makes me 13. I am currently First Class, but am almost Star. My current position in the Troop is ASPL (woot, woot). I attend Riverside Middle School, where I am in the 7th

grade. My favorite subject is band, because I like music. Besides Scouting, I like drumming, skating, hanging out with my friends, and listen to music. El Familial consists of my mom, dad, my sister, and my three awesome cats. I dunno know what year I started in Scouting, but I have been in the Troop about 1 ½ years. The best thing I've done in Scouting so far, was my first campout, which was at held at Greenfield Village. That campout was Awesome. The last movie I saw was *Detroit Rock City*, I think. My

favorite movie was Saw!! In scouting, I look forward to having a lot of fun.



By Lucas K.
Tenderfoot Scout

Hi, my name is Lucas, and I am 11 years old. I am Tenderfoot rank. I attend Light and Life Christian School, where my favorite subject is gym. I like to go on vacation. I have a dad named Tim, and a mom named Joanne and a dog named Buster. I've been in Scouts since the first grade. My favorite thing in Scouts is camping. I have not seen a movie lately, and I don't have a favorite. I look forward to becoming Eagle. My nickname is Pedro. I was born on August 19, 1994 and currently do not have a troop position. I am in the sixth grade.

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Troop Scout Room has a Name

Since January 10, 1965, Boy Scout Troop 1131 has had a home in the building that houses the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn. While the Church has sponsored the Troop since we were started, we only had small storage room, or had to use a storage space that involved using a ladder to get to. When the FPC decided to build the new

Church in the late 1950's, they included the Troop in its design, and were given our own scout room. The Troop and the members of the Church just called the room, the scout room.

In 1998, the Troop committee voted unanimously to officially name the scout room. The Name that was chosen

was the "Eugene S. Reynolds Scout Room". Mr. Reynolds had just passed, and it was so fitting that we honor his legacy, by renaming the Scout Room. Mr. Reynolds served the Troop as Scoutmaster on 4 different occasions, totaling over 31 years, with his last from 1972 - 1993. What a truly honorable way to honor a man, that gave so much to the youth.

National Youth Leader Training

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

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

For many years, junior leader training (JLT) was an important part of the leadership training continuum of BSA local councils throughout America. In 2003 and 2004, a task force of leadership experts and hundreds of Scouts in pilot courses across the nation reviewed and tested every aspect of the new NYLT syllabus, which incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Built on the legacy of past JLT successes, the new NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the tra-

ditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

The Detroit Area Council is offering a Course in June for the Scouts of our council. The dates are June 18 - 24, with a cost of \$225. The Troop does reimburse half of the cost to all Scouts of our Troop, once the course is completed. The Course is designed for all Patrol and Junior Leaders of the Troop, that are at least 13 years old. Please see Mr. Fox if you are interested and to get an application to attend, because the course fills quickly.

Quick Glance at the Calendar

April 3 - PLC at 6:30 pm

April 3 - Troop Meeting

April 10 - Troop Swim (Stout Middle School)

April 17 - NO Troop Meeting (Easter break)

April 22 - Tyler's Eagle Project

April 24 - Troop Meeting

April 27 - Three Rivers District Annual Meeting / Dinner (Adults only)

April 28/29/30 - Campout - Spring Fling; D-A Scout Ranch

May 1 - PLC at 6:30 pm

May 1 - Troop Meeting

May 8 - Troop Meeting

May 10 - Alpha Dinner Service Project @ FPC

May 15 - NO MEETING -> moved to May 16

May 16 - Troop meeting with Troop 1111

May 19/20/21 - Campout - Three Rivers District Camporee

May 22 - Court of Honor

May 29 - NO MEETING

June 5 - PLC at 6:30 pm

June 5 - Troop Meeting

June 12 - Last Troop Meeting

July 9 thru 16 - The very last Ford Senior Players Championship

July 22 thru 29 - Summercamp with Troop 1111

August 20 -4th Annual Golf Outing

September 11 - First Troop Meeting of New Year

November 6 - Can Do Bag pass out / \$25 dues is due

Uniform Changes

By: Kevin J. Fox
Scoutmaster

Reprinted from www.troop1131.org

All Scouts & adults in attendance at tonight's (2-20-06) meeting were notified that beginning with our April 3rd meeting, all will be required to wear the full class "A" uniform. The uniform will Scout pants, Scout Shirt, Neckerchief, Name tag, Socks (if wearing shorts), and hat (optional, but must be Troop hat.) Lets break it down.....

Scout Shirt, the beige/tan official Scout Shirt that we have been wearing, with the correct placement of patches.

Scout Pants, The official green Scout pants. We will no longer be accepting "Close" or "look a likes"

Neckerchief, All Scouts had a troop neckerchief at some point. (We have some to sell)

Name tag, I as Scoutmaster, have purchased new name tags for all Scouts of the Troop, and will present them when they come in.

Socks, official Scout socks must be worn when wearing shorts.

Hat, all Scouts has had the opportunity to buy a troop hat, but is not required.

Both Adults and Scouts will be following this policy. This is not something that is new, but something that we, as a Troop, have been very lax on. Some Scouts have not even been wearing "close" or "look a likes", but rather blue jeans or different colors. Scouts have a

different attitude when they are not wearing the uniform. Our special guest at tonight's meeting, Mr. Gary Leach (O/A election adviser) even spoke about the uniform and doing the same thing that we are doing, and how it has changed his troop for the better.

If you have questions regarding the following, please feel free to email or give me a call. I will be glad to answer questions, or to explain further.

Now, i understand that it does get expensive, but that is why the Scouts have escrow accounts, or i gave every Scout the a flier with Mrs. Cleary's Phone number to contact her. Again, here is her phone number, (248) 644-7327. I know that she is willing to help every Scout / Adult out that needs uniform parts.

Souper Bowl Sunday

By: David Smith
Committee Chair

In February, the troop hosted a soup and salad fundraiser after the church's Annual Congregational Meeting. For a small charge, people were able to come down and enjoy a wide variety of soups, salads, bread and desserts that were made by our scouts and their parents. The boys that helped during the fundraiser carried trays

of food, cleaned tables, and made sure everyone had enough to eat and drink.

The fundraiser was a great success; we had approximately 90-100 church members attend the event and the troop made around \$500. Every person that was there seemed to stop by and rave about the variety of soups and salads we had to offer along with many compliments about how helpful the scouts were.

Everyone wanted to make sure that we were planning on doing this again next year so they could plan on this again. A big thank you goes out to Heather Clark and Jill Komien-ski for bringing this idea to the troop, but an even bigger thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser or helped out during the fundraiser. Now it's time to start coming up with some great new recipes for next year's Soup and Salad Luncheon!

Scoutmaster's Minute

By: Kevin J. Fox
Scoutmaster

During the first part of march, all Scouts and Adults were notified that we will be following national policy, by changing our troop policy. We will be wearing full class "A" uniforms at troop meetings, as well as, to and from campouts. I am happy to see that everyone is starting to wear them. There was a flier sent home with every scout, and posted on the website, with the phone number of Mrs. Cleary, who runs a uniform exchange. I have heard from Mrs. Cleary, and she was so excited that some of

the Scouts have made it to her house to get some new uniform parts. Good Job Scouts!!

On a personal note, I would like to thank Ben A. As many of you know, Ben has transferred from our Troop over to Troop 54 out of the Clinton Valley Council. I know the decision was not easy to transfer for Ben, nor was it for his mother, Kim. With Ben's younger brother crossing over to Troop 54, it was decided that Ben would go too, so that his mom would not be stressed of two different Troops, meeting on the same day, 45 minutes

apart from each other.

Ben has been a member of the Troop for about two years, and he has taught all of us so much. I hope that he has learned from us, as we have learned from him. Ben and his mom have promised to come back and visit the troop once more, and are trying to set up a campout between the Troops.

I know I join with all the members of the Troop in wishing him well, on his new endeavors with his new Troop.



Committee Chairs' Corner

By: David Smith
Committee Chair

WOW! What a crazy beginning to the year this has been! Just to catch everyone up on what has been happening with the Troop Committee, here is a list of a few things we have discussed during our meetings:

- In January, the Troop made a \$50 contribution to the Douglas Barranger Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the church's pastor who had passed away. The money will go towards helping seminary students complete their education.
- The Troop also made a \$50 to the Memorial Fund for Douglas Barranger that the church had set-up.
- In February, the Committee approved 3 more Eagle projects.

Look for James C., Doug C., and Tyler S. to join the Eagle ranks soon.

- Last meeting, the Committee approved a new fundraising opportunity for the boys. For anyone interested, we will be selling Tupperware after Easter! This is a great opportunity for the boys to make some extra cash for Summer Camp with 40% of the profits going directly to the boys. Look for more information on this on page 4 or at Troop meetings. Thanks to Mary Caruso for bringing this great opportunity to us!
- On May 10th, the Troop will once again be cooking for the church. We will be cooking for one of the church's Wednesday night Alpha Meals. Menu and other specific information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

- Our May Committee Meeting is going to be held at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30. The Troop will be there meeting with Troop 1111 to make preparations for Summer Camp and we have been invited to hold our Committee Meeting there as well.

As a reminder, everyone is always welcome at the meetings and we're always looking for more people to become active committee members. Our Committee meetings are at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Youth Lounge, next to the Scout Room. If you are interested, please let Kevin or I know and we can get you the paperwork to get started.