

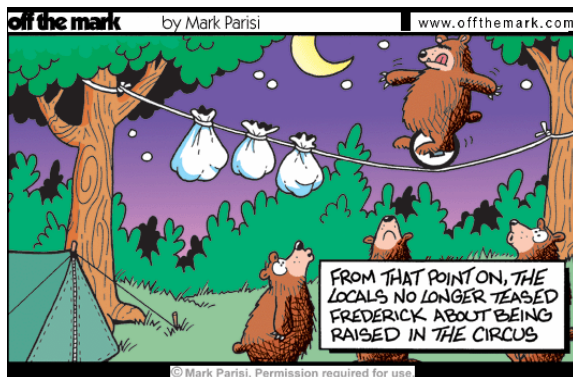
# The Troop Scoop



## SPL's MESSAGE

It's time we start another great year. We've already had our first PLC planning meeting and came up with some great ideas. One of the changes we made this year was that we would have patrols run meetings. We figured we would get this started right off the bat, so be prepared to help out a few Monday nights. Our kick off meeting is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Church. The meeting will begin at 7 PM - bring a parent or two. We'll cover the new calendar and some fund raising plans, along with hearing from an interesting speaker. Our speaker is a former Navy fighter pilot who did his Boy Scouting in the Philippines. Come hear about his wilderness campout in the jungle. See you soon!

SPL



## A Troop Celebration

Troop 147 is heading back to Gerber for our own celebration over the weekend of September 26-28. The outing will cost \$11 and there is a \$4 transportation fee (if you're not driving). The cool thing is attending this event can help you qualify for the Gerber Four Season Award. So for some extra recognition and a really cool Gerber Four Season patch, plan to join this great weekend event (and two more later this year).

BE PREPARED to register on or before September 15<sup>th</sup> using the forms attached with this newsletter.

## Fort Custer Revisited

You can hardly improve on this location so if you enjoy Mountain Biking or it's something you want to try mark your calendar today. We're going to Fort Custer down by Battlecreek October 17-19. There are trails that are right for every level of rider, so get your bike ready. Riders planning to participate should bring their bike and helmet to the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for an evaluation. Get info and permission slips on the bulletin board at the church.

## Centennial Uniform Arrives

The Boy Scout uniform has undergone numerous changes with time. On August 15<sup>th</sup> the newest update was rolled out. The latest changes reflect the growing understanding that action scouts (and scouters) need action clothes. The high performance material and multi-functional styling of the new uniform are meant to be more versatile, suitable for the field as well as ceremonies. The pants still zip off for shorts but come un-hemmed for a personal fit and there are lots of pockets and gadget loops. The long sleeve shirt has the option of rolled up sleeves. Maybe the best move was to go with socks that are moisture wicking! It's a look that is more current, a bit less "in your face" and obviously inspired by the outdoors. As you replace your worn and outgrown pieces consider making an update to the Centennial Uniform!

OLD



NEW



## Important Dates

Scout Salute.....September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Round Table / OA Mtg.....September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Scoutmasters' Mtg.....September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Troop Kick-off Meeting.....September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Committee Meeting.....September 18<sup>th</sup>  
PLC / Leadership Meeting....September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Troop Meeting.....September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Gerber Weekend.....September 26-28<sup>th</sup>  
Troop Meeting (bike check)...September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Dune Restoration (service op).....October 4<sup>th</sup>

## Council's Scout Salute

The Gerald R Ford Council plans to mark Patriot's Day with a special Scout Salute at the Council Office. September 11<sup>th</sup> is a school day so you may have to go early or right after school. The salute is from 7 AM- 8 PM. If you're interested in being a part of this remembrance of 9/11 and celebration of all of America's heroes please contact the Scoutmaster ASAP to see about coordinating rides.



*"Scripture says: 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.' I call on every American family and the family of America to observe a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, honoring the memory of the thousands of victims of these brutal attacks and comforting those who lost loved ones."* President George W. Bush

## The Bruce Trip

By One of the Participants

The Bruce Peninsula high adventure trip was certainly one of the more interesting trips that I have been on. We hiked about 30 kilometers of what barely qualified to be called a trail, but the views were amazing. We looked down drop-offs over 150 feet tall (that's half of a football field!), hung out at the rock beaches, climbed in all kinds of caves. We also faced some setbacks, such as when our campsite was ransacked by raccoons, and got a hold of some of our GORP. Overall though, the trip was very fun, and I would encourage scouts to do high adventures in the future.



## PLC /Leadership Day

All scouts holding troop level leadership positions should plan to join the SPL and troop leaders for some special discussions and training on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The event will be at the Maatman Center from 8-5 PM. A delicious lunch will be served. Please let our über-SPL know if you can be there. The morning activities will focus on the PLC meeting requirements and the afternoon will include specific position responsibilities. Come even if you can only make a part of the day.

## The Bowline

"Lay the bight to make a hole  
Then under the back and around the pole  
Over the top and thru the eye  
Cinch it tight and let it lie"



# Troop 147 Outing Information

## Outing / Event: A Troop Celebration

This is a *Four Season* event. The Four Season Trail Patch is awarded to any Scout who completes the requirements during four consecutive seasons. Four Season Trail Patches will be awarded following the completion of all requirements.

4. Fall \*a. Hike a marked trail (different from the winter trail & spring trails). b. Make an improvement to a campsite at Camp Gerber or Do 3 (three) hours of volunteer work for Camp Gerber. c. Complete two Scout Requirements. d. Attend the Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave. Must do two of three requirements, one of which must be A.

**Dates:** September 26-28, 2008

**Location:** Gerber Scout Reservation

**Cost:** \$11.00 (Those not driving also pay \$4 for transportation)

**Personal Gear:** Quite the usual...plan to dress for the weather! (hat, jacket, hiking boots). Bring a sleeping bag, pad, mess kit, water bottle, flashlight, scout handbook, personal stuff, and perhaps a game to share. Remember, your handbook is a great resource when you're packing for any adventure! ☺

We will determine tenting arrangements and cooking responsibilities prior to the event. Please complete the registration questions and permission slip.

### Departure - Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

- **Meet at church at 5:30 PM** (No Friday meal is planned, only a cracker barrel will be served. Eat before you come or bring a sack lunch.)
- **Depart at 6:00 PM** (Other arrangements may be possible to meet the schedules of interested scouts...please speak with Mrs. Wennersten)

### Return - Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

- **At the church at 1 PM**

### Contact Information

- **Outdoor Activities Chairperson**

**Registration and Permission Slip**  
**A Troop Celebration: September 26-28, 2008**

Scout Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol and/or Troop Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a tent?    Yes    No    How many could it sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any advancement goals for the weekend?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Adult(s) attending \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help with driving?    Yes    No    Total number of seats \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees \_\_\_\_\_    Payment:    Cash    Scout Account    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

My Son \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, has my permission to participate in the **Troop Fall Celebration, September 26-28, 2008** I approve of the leaders who will be in charge of this activity. I also certify that to the best of my knowledge, the youth participant named is physically fit to engage in the activity described above. **My son and I understand that the Scout Oath and Scout Law are the basis for appropriate and safe behavior at any troop outing or function. If at any time during a troop outing the Adult Leaders of Troop 147 deem my son's behavior unsafe or inappropriate, he may be asked to leave and I will be responsible for his transportation home from the outing. I agree to provide a phone number where I may be reached, or designate a responsible relative or adult to transport my son home should the need ever arise.**

In addition, I/we know, and hereby authorize the adult leader(s) of Troop 147 as agents for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any licensed physician or surgeon on the medical staff of any accredited hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician, in the exercise of his best judgment, may deem advisable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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