

# The Troop Scoop

## Sleeping Bear Dunes



### Rally for Parents

On Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> two important conversations for parents will take place. Please plan to be a part of this evening.

#1 - Our Scoutmaster will host a **Conversation with the Scoutmaster**. If you're a new parent or still get glassy eyed when someone mentions BOR's, SPL's, or PLC's this is your opportunity to get up to speed.

#2 - Our Committee Chair will be kicking off our **2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign**. Come learn about how you can help Troop 147 while supporting scouting in West Michigan.

Remember a dynamic and successful troop is built with the participation of parent volunteers. Join us on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>!

Committee Chair



Our next outing is up north at **Sleeping Bear Dunes, April 17-19**. This is our seventh year visiting the park. It's a favorite for many scouts and parents. We do about 3 hours of service work for the park, part of which usually involves planting trees. Ranger Jim tells some great stories about his many years as a National Park Ranger. This is a weekend you don't want to miss. Check your calendar today! We're heading off at 5 PM Friday. Bring a sack lunch for supper Friday and \$ for a quick lunch stop on the way home. Work gloves for the service on Saturday would be helpful. We plan to return at 3 on Sunday. Info and permission slips are available on the troop bulletin board at the church. You can also contact Mr. Shipp for details. **Registration closes April 3.**

FYI: If this is your first outing you must bring a parent.



**District Camporee**

On May 1-3 we're heading to Gerber along with scouts from all over the Lakeshore District for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Each troop is invited to build a structure with poles and lashings for a little friendly competition. Start dreaming up a plan to share with the leaders.

Registration is due by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a form and permission slip at the church. The cost is \$22/scout.

Please contact the Outdoor Activities Chairperson if you have questions.

## **Wilderness Weekend**

At the end of May we're going back up to Gerber to do a little survival stuff. We'll drive up on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> We'll pitch tents for the night and then on Saturday we'll spend the day constructing shelters to sleep in Saturday night. Plan to join the fun. Watch the bulletin board for information and registration papers.

**FYI:**

***The Religious Retreat at Gerber was cancelled.***

## **Guide Lines**

We're happy to welcome all the new scouts. It is exciting to meet all of you. We expect you'll find fun, fellowship, and many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors as a member of the troop.

Change doesn't always come easily, but in an effort to make this one go smoothly we want to encourage all the newest scouts to spend some time reading their Scout handbook. It contains so much useful information and the more familiar you are with the content the more success you will experience.

Some important things...

#1 - Be sure you put your name in your book. Consider covering getting a cover for your book. Covers are available at the Council store but you can make one too.

#2 - Read and discuss the important pamphlet exercises with your parents. This is required by the BSA to receive a scout badge. Let your SPL or Guide know when you have completed this requirement.

#3 - Check out page 75. Here you start recording the activities you participate in. If you go on an outing write it in your book. If you wait 6 months you may not remember!

The Troop Guides

## Summer Camp 2009

Though winter continues to hold a grip on our weather we all know summer will come, and as we want to BE PREPARED for summer camp, I want to encourage you not to delay; please BE HELPFUL and complete your camp paperwork in a timely fashion.

Forms and fees are due on April 27th. Scout fees for Team Player Troops like us are \$185 for the week. Adults pay \$95 for the week. If you are planning to attend camp for only a portion of the week, please see me regarding your fees. We're heading to Gerber week 5, July12-18.

I'm happy to announce that we have two volunteers to coordinate the Parent Night Meal. Thanks to the volunteers! Please BE KIND when they contact you about participating in this effort.

Remember ...

- your physician must sign the physical form in section V and VII
- please record your scout's immunization dates
- you must include a copy of your insurance card
- a parent must sign on page three and page four of the Health Form

See me if you have questions!

Camp Registrar

## High Adventure Update

We're heading to West Virginia for some white water rafting during June. Scouts that are 13 and older who have an interest in participating or those that might have some questions about the plans and fees are invited to meet with the Outdoor Activities Chairperson on April 13th at 6:30 PM, just prior to the troop meeting. There are lots of specifics to work out as the date draws nearer. You really don't want to miss this adventure!

## Mackinac Honor Camp

Scouts interested in applying to serve as a member of the Mackinac Island Honor Camp (June 13-20) must have their applications filed by April 1st. Please contact the Committee Chairperson if you have any questions about the procedures or requirements.

