



TROOP SCOOP

Green & Gold Edition

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SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

The Things that Scouts Do

Our Troop leaders get a lot of questions about why our Troop does the things they do. Often times Scouts will tell us they like the outings but don't like coming to meetings. That's understandable. Meetings sound a lot like work. Outings sound like a lot of fun. Without planning and preparation, however, we're just offering you a guided tour and nobody is learning leadership skills. Please consider this and it may answer some questions:

What is our goal? To lead, train, and inspire Scouts to become First Class Scouts and above. We know when Scouts reach First Class that we are keeping our promises to them. They are going camping, working with their patrol and learning the skills of Scouting. So let me ask you this:

How do Scouts become First Class? By doing things that Scouts do.

What do Scouts do? Scouts go camping, they learn skills and apply them to their activities, they explore hobbies and careers, they serve their community, they are responsible for organizing and planning their own activities, and they put the Scout oath and law into practice.

How do Scouts do these things? By attending meetings and being prepared to participate in the events we plan.

How do Scouts know about these meetings and events? We communicate the details

they need to know and the preparations they need to make.

How are Scouts prepared for these activities and events? We instruct and train the Scouts so they know the skills and complete the preparations for what they are about to do.

What are the three steps to making things happen? Planning, preparation and execution:

- 5% Planning
- 80% Preparation
- 15% Execution

Scouts- please attend our meetings and please join us on our campouts so that you, too, can share in the joy of doing the things that Scouts do!

Mr. Cat.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

March

27 Troop Committee Meeting

April

- 6 Service Project: Highway Clean Up- 1p.m.
- 8 Troop Meeting
- 13 Green and Gold Court of Honor
- 15 PLC
- 20 Easter
- 22 Troop Meeting
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 Pack 335's Campfire & Games- 6:30p.m.
- 25-27 Camping: Maquoketa Caves
- 27 HWY Clean Up Rain Date- 1p.m.
- 29 Troop Meeting

May
16-18 Campout Lake Geneva
26 Memorial Day

June
15-21 NYLT
22-28 Summer Camp

For more details and later dates see the calendar on Scouttrack.



REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Where have we been?

For our March campout, which marked the end of the cabin camping season, we went to Lowden BSA Camp in Oregon, Illinois. We stayed in the main lodge which is a neat building with a lot of historical artifacts and Native-American symbolism on its walls including a collection of arrowheads, axe heads and stone tools that were all found in the nearby Rock River valley.

We had 4 Troop patrols plus the Old Goats Patrol so there was a lot of patrol-method thinking going on.

After breakfast Saturday we were able to find some trails that were still solid enough to provide a good hiking surface and we hiked for about 2 hours. We worked on some advancements after lunch and then it was time for our Dutch oven Cooking Competition. I'm happy to report that the cooking contest winner was The Flaming Arrow Patrol! There's more on that farther on in this issue.

On the way out of town Sunday we stopped and checked out a local landmark, the Blackhawk Statue, which rises 150 feet above the Rock River and is about to undergo its first, much-needed restoration later this summer.



WHO IS LOWDEN NAMED AFTER?



Frank O. Lowden lived from 1861-1943. He served as a United States Congressman and as governor of Illinois. He ran for president of the United States and was nominated for vice president.

Governor Lowden was the proud holder of the Silver Buffalo, Scouting's highest award given to adults for leadership.

Frank O. Lowden



Where are we going?

April will begin the tent camping season 2014, Our Troop has chosen to camp at Mississippi Palisades State Park along the Mississippi River near Savanna Illinois, then on Saturday head over to go to Maquoketa Caves State Park in Iowa to explore some caves! Here's an excerpt from the brochure about Maquoketa State Park:

"Hernando's Hideaway, Shinbone, Dug Out and Rainy Day are just a few of the 13 caves to explore at Maquoketa Caves State Park. For adventurous visitors, don't forget the flashlight, helmet and old clothes. Prepare to get dirty while wriggling your way into the smaller caves. Wind your way through Dancehall Cave, the scene of community dances in olden days. Natural beauty surrounds visitors as they hike shady trails and pause at highlights such as the 'Natural Bridge', standing nearly 50 feet over Raccoon Creek and the 17-ton 'Balanced Rock'. Each season brings exceptional beauty from spring wildflowers to the lush greenery of summer. Fall's dramatic golds and crimsons give way to a peaceful winter beauty decorated with snow and icicles."

Of course we'll work in a chance to complete some advancement requirements as we "Do the Things that Scouts Do" during the campout.

We will leave Friday night, April 25th and return home Sunday April 27th.



WELCOME NEW SCOUTS!

We are happy to welcome our newest Troop 35 members Brandon G and Jacob I from Pack 63 (First Pres.) and Josh C and Noah M from Pack 317 (Sandburg School). We look forward to getting to know you and having you be part of the Troop 35 tradition. Go Flaming Arrows!



GREEN & GOLD DINNER/COH

If you have not RSVP'd regarding the Green and Gold Dinner and Court of Honor, please contact Noah M., Senior Patrol Leader, by **Tuesday, March 25** with the number of family members you will have in attendance and with any dietary restrictions for your family at miller.noah36@gmail.com, or you can call him during after school hours at (630) 743-9195. We need the final head count for purchasing food and supplies. **Please also contact Noah if you are unable to attend.**

Remember this event will be held on **Sunday, April 13, from 1-4 p.m. at Gary Church.** Scouts, please arrive at 12 p.m. to

help with set-up and please stay until 5 p.m.

to help with clean-up. We will meet in the Commons Area on the second (main) floor. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. and advancement ceremonies will follow.

Remember that there will be a Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation at the dinner. All Scouting families are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution. These contributions go to support scouting within the Three Fires Council. Forms will be distributed and collected at the Court of Honor, so please be prepared to make your donation at that time. (You will make life much easier for our FOS chair, Melinda Keske!) If you do not wish to donate, please return your form to Melinda anyway. We need to collect all the forms.

If your workplace has a company match for donations, please get the forms ahead of time and bring them to the Green and Gold. You can double your donation to Scouting. Any gift is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Keske at (630) 898-8641.

For more information about FOS, please visit the Three Fires Council website.



MERIT BADGES



ARCHERY, RIFLE SHOOTING, AND SHOTGUN SHOOTING MERIT BADGES

The Aurora Sportsmen's Club, located in Waterman, Illinois, offers a monthly youth program to work on shooting badges. Please see their flyer on the following page.

Please send Troop Scoop information to Teresa Exner:exner@sbcglobal.net



AURORA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

2014 Monthly Youth Programs

First Saturday of most months -- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
May through October. No class on July 5, 2014

The Aurora Sportsmen's Club, located in Waterman, Illinois is pleased to be able to offer young shooters (ages 10-17) the opportunity to develop their shooting skills and start or make progress on Winchester/NRA Marksmanship qualification programs in Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun disciplines. This opportunity can also be used by area Boy Scouts to complete the shooting requirements for Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merit badges (bring blue cards, please.)

Archery – 9:00 am to 11:00 am. One class with room for 8 participants. There is no fee for this program. Check in at the archery range which is co-located with the shotgun range on Rueff Road at 8:45 am.

Handgun - . This class will be offered only on May 3, June 7, September 6, and October 4. \$30 fee to cover the cost of lunch, ammunition and supplies for a full day of shooting. One class with room for 10 students. Lunch is provided and we will shoot from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Check in at the 50 foot range #2 on Rueff Road.

Rifle - \$15 fee to cover the cost of ammunition and supplies for 2½ hours of shooting. Choose between smallbore (.22) and muzzleloading rifle. Two relays of each, 16 available positions per smallbore relay. 4 positions per muzzleloading relay.

- Relay 1 - 9am to Noon, meet at the 50 foot range #3 on Rueff Road
- Relay 2 - 1:15pm to 4:15pm, meet at the 50 foot range #3 on Rueff Road

Shotgun (Modern Cartridge) - \$25 fee to cover the cost of ammunition and supplies for two rounds of trap in three hours. Two squads, 5 participants per squad. Additional shooting available at \$10 per round, time permitting.

- Squad 1 - 9am to Noon, trap field on Rueff Road
- Squad 2 - 1:15pm to 4:15pm, trap field on Rueff Road

Check in at the shotgun range at the beginning of class.

Shotgun (Muzzleloading) - \$15 fee to cover the cost of supplies for three hours of instruction and shooting. Two squads, 4 participants per squad.

- Squad 1 - 9am to Noon, trap field on Rueff Road
- Squad 2 - 1:15pm to 4:15pm, trap field on Rueff Road

Check in at the shotgun range at the beginning of class.



First-come, first-served registration by sending email with the Junior shooter's name, Parent's name and phone number; along with first/second choices of relays and squads to ascyouthprogram@gmail.com or call the ASC Youth Program voice mail at 630-537-0272. All registration requests will be acknowledged. Fees to be paid at check in.

On-range instruction is based on materials from NRA Education Department source material, but these clinics are not NRA approved course offerings. All instruction and firearms shooting will be completed under the watchful eye of NRA Certified Instructors or NRA Coaches and NRA Certified Range Safety Officers.

Ear and eye protection for firearms ranges and arm bands for Archery are provided by the club, but feel free to bring your own.

Visit <http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship/> for more information on the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification program.

This program will be repeated in 2015. Watch the club web site for information.

Maps, directions, and information on other activities at the Aurora Sportsmen's Club can be found on the club web site:

www.aurorasc.org

This program supported in part by a Grant from the Friends of the NRA

WHAT TO COOK IF YOU WANT TO WIN FIRST PLACE IN A DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

At the March Camp-out at Camp Lowden in Oregon Illinois our cooking competition was a Dutch oven cook-off. The Flaming Arrow Patrol consisted of 1 new Flaming Arrow Scout, Eric R., along with 2 Troop Guides Aaron K. and Brandon B. They worked great together and won 1st Place. Their entry shows that you don't have to make it complicated to come up with a quick, delicious, thrifty meal.

As a prize, the Flaming Arrow Patrol will get to be first in line after guests and adults for the Spring Court of Honor meal. Congratulations Flaming Arrows 2014!

Brandon's Dutch Oven Sloppy Joe's

Ingredients:

2 lbs. 90% Ground Beef
1 bottle Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce
Dutch oven
Half a small onion

Any hamburger buns
Cooking Spray or Olive Oil
Stove

Steps:

Open ground beef and brown it.
After browned put dutch oven on low flame.
Add in diced onion & stir.
Add Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce.
Get dutch oven lid and flip it upside down.
Turn burner on high and wait one or two minutes.
Add cooking spray or olive oil (about 1/4 Dixie cup) to lid.
Put buns on lid to brown.
Check in 10-20 seconds to see if they are browned.
Then chow!!!!

