



## BOYSCOUT TROOP 299

August 2008

**A BIG THANK YOU!** You did a fantastic job on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. One of our best! We have one more event- the Taste of Blue Ash is August 22-24. A flyer for the event is attached. Sign up sheets will be at our meeting place. Remember that the top Scouts and Adults will be rewarded with a special event just for them! In the past it has been a Skeet Shoot.

Again thank you for helping the Scout Troop to be successful!

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**Our Fall Court of Honor and Picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>.** It will be held at the Sycamore shelter in the Blue Ash Nature Park. Please join us and bring the family. This is always an exciting Court of Honor. We've had a lot of advancement and the scouts have earned lots of Merit Badges. We do need your help. If you are available to help organize the picnic please contact Randy or Andy. Meet & Greet from 3-4pm; followed by Dinner & CoH. More details to come.



**Caving Campout - August 15-17.** Did you miss the caving class? The caves are wet and muddy. Start collecting old clothes and shoes. You'll come out of the cave stained and your clothes ruined. Don't worry it's not a fashion show! Clean travel clothes are required. Knee pads are required and elbow pads recommended. See Tom for available helmets.

A **High Adventure trip** for 2009 is in the planning stages. If you are interested please contact Eike. The trip is intended to Scouts 15 years of age and Star Rank. This will require a high level of skill & fitness. Start training now!

### **What is Peterloon?**



Peterloon is the Dan Beard Council Boy Scout Encampment held in the fall every other year. This is the longest continuously running council sponsored event of its kind in the world, so it operates on a strong base of traditions and quality experiences. It began in 1927 and took its name from the Emery family farm, Peterloon, where it was held annually every year until 1956 when it became a biennial event and moved to Camp Lower Craig, also called Cub Scout Adventure World.

Once again the Dan Beard Council calls all Scouts to the banks of the Little Miami River at the Dan Beard Scout Reservation in Loveland for this unique camping event **scheduled for October 10-12, 2008**. Two years ago, 5,048 people attended Peterloon 2006. Watch for sign up sheets.

**Summer Camp** – The guys did a great job! We had 4 Scout go through the Brownsea program, 2 to High Adventure, and 14 at Base Camp. At least 48 Merit Badges were earned. Thank you to Tom and John S for driving the bus. And a special Thank you to Randy, Joel, Mark H, Mike, Chris Y and Chris T as well as Will, and Max for staying with our Scouts at camp.



### *Announcements, Announcements, Announcements (hum a long) ...*

**Merit Badge Challenge 2009** – is moving back to Sycamore High School. Save these dates – Saturdays Feb 14, Feb 21, and March 14 (snow date of April 4<sup>th</sup>) the MBC is a wonderful way to earn a Merit Badge. Eagle required badges are available along with optional badges. Registration information will be coming soon.

**Under Construction** - Have you heard the bull dozers? Dan Beard Council had broken ground on the new Marge Schott Scout Achievement Campus. And it is being built right down the road in Evendale on Reading Road in front of Gorman Farm. The Achievement Center will be the head quarters of scouting in the Cincinnati area. Check out their website.

<http://www.danbeard.org/sac/index.htm>

## Adult Help Wanted – contact Randy for more info

Hospitality Coordinator - to head a committee that will assist in the planning of Court of Honors, Open House, etc. Our next picnic is the Fall Court of Honor. Arrangements need to be made for location, menu and inviting special guests. Seasoned parents are willing to help out with training.

Bus Driver – the Troop will help with expenses for CDL training. We need to train additional driver. Tom & John aren't going to be around forever to drive the bus.

Fund Raiser Committee – work as a team to recruit workers; supervisor Scouts; and sell product. Seasoned parents are willing to help you learn the ropes. Join us its fun

Advancement Committee – see Andy for schedule – a great way to learn about the program

Eagle Coordinator to work with Andy and the Life Scouts on their journey to Eagle

Uniform Exchange Coordinator

Looking for a Troop trailer- If you have a lead on a new or used trailer please contact Tom or Randy

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### Camp Out Dates for 2008

August 15-17	Indiana Wet Caves
September 19-21	Cliffy Falls
October 10-12	Peterloon – Council Jamboree
November 14-16	Backpacking Zilesky State Forest
December 12-14	Houston Woods Bike/Hike

### Events

Sunday; September 7	Court of Honor
Tuesday, September 23	Webelos Open House
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Saturday, November 8	Webelos Engineer Badge
Tuesday, December 2	Court of Honor

### Fund Raiser Dates

August 22-24	Taste of Blue Ash
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The Troop Leader Meeting is held on the last Thursday of each month, please plan on attending.

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The Troop Committee meeting for August will be held on Wednesday August 20.  
All parents are welcome. Please join us.