



BOYSCOUT TROOP 299

November 2008

Annual Popcorn Sale Each year members of Troop 299 have the chance to earn money for summer camp and other scout related expenses. The annual Boy Scout popcorn sale held in the fall is an opportunity to do just that. This fundraiser is totally voluntary and as a result only the scouts participating will benefit from this opportunity. The amount earned will depend directly on how much effort is applied. The Dan Beard Council also offers different prizes depending on the amount of sales.

Order forms were distributed at the October 7th Troop meeting. Order forms will be collected at the October 21st and October 28th Troop meetings. Popcorn will be available for pick-up November 22nd. **Money for the popcorn is due when you deliver the popcorn** and will be collected at the December 2nd and December 9th Troop meetings.

The Commission on the popcorn sales is about 1/3 of the cost of the popcorn. The commission earned from each popcorn item will be held in the troop treasury in the name of the Scout who sold the popcorn. The scout is encouraged to save the commission for larger expenses like summer camp or high adventure camp. If the Scout leaves the Troop before using his commission, the commission will be forfeited to the Troop. Besides commission, the Scout can earn different types of prizes. One of the prizes offered are "Scout Bucks." The Troop allows the Scout to deposit these bucks into their commission fund.

This year, Kevin K, is serving as the Troop's chairperson for the popcorn sale.

RECHARTER TIME- It's that time of year that we renew the Charter between our Troop and the Boy Scouts. The cost per Scout or Adult volunteer is \$11.75 for membership plus \$12.00 for Boy's Life Magazine. The membership fee includes addition medical insurance for the members. That insurance covers additional expenses if an accident occurred during a Scouting event. Lisa will be collecting the fees on October 28, November 11 and 25. We would like to turn the Charter in by November 30 in order to be eligible for free Rank Advancement Patches. Envelope to mail the fee is attached. Questions contact Lisa @ 984.0563 or eldoralad@fuse.net

University of Scouting

December 13, 2008 at the University of Cincinnati

What is University of Scouting? The University of Scouting is a one-day leader training program designed to provide ideas and resources in areas to benefit your Pack, Troop or Crew. The University of Scouting is offered once a year to assist ALL Scout volunteers in their Scouting positions.

Who attends the University of Scouting You do not have to be a registered Leader to participate.

What will I do at University of Scouting? You will take as many classes as you like, provided they fit into your schedule! Many classes are offered at multiple times throughout the day to allow participants flexibility with their schedules. Also, a MIDWAY will be offered with many great ideas presented by outside sponsors. Each of these experiences will help prepare you to provide a quality program for the boys.

Den Chief Training is offered at the University of Scouting. Boy Scouts who serve as Den Chiefs are a key part of the leadership team for Cub Scouts and an important part of the pack. This training will include games, skits, songs, how to support the Den Leader. Contact your Scoutmaster or Council for a Registration Form, also available at www.danbeard.org.

Training: Our Scouts deserve trained leaders. It is also a great way to learn about the program. Leaders, Committee members and parents are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend the University of Scouting check out the Dan Beard web site. Some basic training is available on that site.

http://www.danbeard.org/Training_Index.aspx

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 4th) the MBC is a wonderful way to earn a Merit Badge. Eagle required badges are available along with optional badges. Deadline for Registration is November 14.



A High Adventure trip for 2009 is in the planning stages. If you are interested please contact Eike at MB4MEPLZ@gmail.com. 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! A planning session is scheduled for Saturday November 1 at Mark's office on Blue Ash Road. The session starts at 8:30 with donuts! Bring some lunch money. Please let RSVP to Eike. Deposit by November 18th of \$250 to Eike cash or check

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

Camp Out Dates for 2008

November 14-16 Backpacking Zilesky State Forest
December 12-14 Houston Woods Bike/Hike

Summer Camp 2009

Camp Friedlander 7/26/09- 8/1/09

Events

Saturday, November 8 Webelos Engineer Badge
Tuesday, December 2 Court of Honor

The Troop Leader Meeting is held on the last Thursday of each month, please plan on attending.

The Troop Committee meeting for November will be held Wednesday November 19.
All parents are welcome. Please join us.