

The Eagle's Nest

The Troop One Newsletter

December 2011

SCOUTMASTER NOTES

What a group effort we had in pulling off the 21th Fowl Fest!! We had 47 scouts, an equal number of our multi-talented moms and dads, and one big chicken working to pull this project off. It is an epic production to pull off and as always Troop 1 stood up to the challenge. It never ceases to amaze me how each of us has our own talents and they all come together to make this thing work. I would especially like to thank all the moms who pitched in – you always know where the guys really need you and we are very appreciative of that. Scott Griffin literally spent a straight 24 hours living in the youth center, but as many of our older scouts on the 4:30 shift can tell you, there are some pretty good hiding spots to catch a little cat nap! Thanks go out to our Fowl Fest leadership team of Scott Griffin who was our production leader, Russ Rudolph on ticket sales, and Calhoun Kennedy for sponsorships. As every year passes we seem to get better and better at this “Fowl Fest” thing and I think this year was no exception. Please note the sponsor list included in this publication and thank them for supporting your troop. While the financial success of this event is our main objective, it also brings our entire troop family together for a day of true camaraderie that is priceless. Congratulations to all of us for a job well done!!!!

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FWL FEST TICKET SALES

The following Scouts sold the most tickets for the fowl fest:

- #1 Thompson Rudolph 81 Tickets
- #2 Sam Spencer 39 Tickets
- #3 Walker Gillespie 33 Tickets

We had a great Fowl Fest for 2011. Everyone did an exceptional job in helping to cook, sell, and box up the lunches. I am hearing a lot of positive feedback this year about how "We loved the food!" The boys met their goal of selling 1000 tickets and raised over \$8600 for the troop.

Thank you to our 2011 Fowl Fest sponsors.

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FOWL FEST 2011

"Everyone's having fun 'cept the Chickens"



For the holiday season our boys were given the opportunity to vote on several options to help other people in this season of giving. Our scouts overwhelmingly decided they would like to "adopt" one of the residential cottages of the Charles Lea Center and make the holidays very special for a very special group of people in our community. Over their Thanksgiving break our scouts were busy earning money from household chores, babysitting, and various other jobs which would be matched by troop funds. Through the efforts of our scouts, we were to go shopping during the next meeting with an \$800 budget. We had about 25 scouts scouting through Wal-Mart in search of the perfect gifts for our new found friends. Then for our final meeting of the year last week, we packed up the packages to deliver to the cottage and share a time of camaraderie with our new friends.

As we contemplate the New Year, I would like to remind Santa that the Troop 1 Ski trip will be January 20-22, 2012 as he thinks about what our scouts may be wanting! I will make sure he receives a trip flyer well in advance of his trip down from the North Pole. Also, look for news soon on a great selection of Merit Badges we will be offering this winter and spring.

As we now approach the end of another year in our troop it seems paramount that we reflect on the times we have experienced over the past year. I thought an interesting number would be the total nights our scouts spent with each other in the great outdoors discovering this great world we have been given over the past year. With a rough count I come up with over 750 and that is not counting the adults who were along. That is 750 times a scouts fell off to sleep in such in places from the deck of a sailboat in the Florida Keys to Graveyard Fields as the temperature dropped to the teens! I am happy to report we have had 19 boys who have joined our ranks over the past year. As I think back to the proudest moment that comes to my mind over the past

year, the moment we brought the paddle back to New Shirmer for the first time in recent troop history for having the best inspection score at camp comes to mind – not that this is such a big event by itself, but I think it signified a new spirit in our troop. The "Kodak Moment" of the year has to be a photo I took with my phone on the final night of the Sailing Trip in a campground near St. Augustine where all of the scouts were sitting at a picnic table playing cards with the only light coming from a lantern. I think that photo tells you more than words could ever do justice what the brotherhood of Troop 1 is all about!



I hope each and every one of you are savoring the experiences and knowledge you have or are gaining by being a Troop 1 Scout. Remember, each of you are blessed to have the best 58 "brothers" you could ask for and many more "dads" you can count on to guide you along the way as you journey from boyhood to manhood.

Happy Holidays to all of you.

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Railroading at Spencer Shops



Troop 1 Holiday Project



Troop 1 adopted a cottage of residents from the Charles Lea Center to buy Christmas gifts for.



Advancement



Congratulations to Collin Cooper for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

L. Aiken	Robotics
W. Barrett	Railroading, Water Sports
Z. Boyles	Robotics
W. Bradley	Railroading, Robotics
A. Burnett	American Cultures, Robotics
F. Chapman	Railroading
C. Cooper	Eagle
J. Copeland	Personal Fitness, American Cultures
S. Corkery	Robotics
D. Dickerson	Railroading
B. Fields	American Cultures
A. Freedman	Second Class Scout, First Class Scout , Railroading, Robotics
S. Freedman	Railroading
B. Frost	Tenderfoot Scout , Railroading
W. Gillespie	Railroading
T. Griffin	Robotics
A. Hall	Railroading
G. Hall	Railroading
G. Hill	Railroading, Robotics
A. Ike	Robotics
F. James	Railroading
S. Kistler	American Cultures
E. Lyles	Life Scout , American Cultures, Robotics
W. Nowatka	Boy Scout
C. Overcarsh	Railroading
T. Phillips	Railroading, Robotics
J. Pye	Railroading
T. Rudolph	Railroading
C. Sanchez	Railroading
R. Sanchez	Robotics
S. Spencer	First Class Scout , American Cultures, Robotics
T. Sturgill	Boy Scout
W. Wakefield	Personal Fitness, Robotics
J. Warren	Railroading
O. Wise	Tenderfoot Scout , Railroading, Robotics



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Birthdays

December

Harrison Kennedy, 12/05 17
Will Bradley, 12/09 14
Thomas Johnson, 12/19 18
Walker Gillespie, 12/21 12
Will Barrett, 12/29 12
Jack Warren, 12/31 12

January

Caleb Fort 1/13 18
Logan McCain 1/22 15

February

JC Price 2/09 15

Good News

Forest James will be one of the lead Thespians in the McCracken Middle School play "High School Musical"



Remember when you are making summer plans to hold open the week of June 10-16, 2012 for another great week at Camp Ho Non Wah. We hope to have another big year with most of Troop 1 participating.