

7.28.2023

# Troop 308

## A-Words



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A-Words is a communication tool to help keep scouts and their families up-to-date on troop activities and important dates. The newsletter comes out approximately every two weeks. Please contact Nancy McMahon if you have information to contribute to the newsletter. Email: [quilts4me2003@yahoo.com](mailto:quilts4me2003@yahoo.com); (402) 201- 4539. We are looking to improve troop communications and value your input. Please bring your communication thoughts and ideas to the pool party meeting on August 7th!

### Upcoming Troop Meetings 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm at St. Andrew's Church (unless otherwise specified)

| Date   | Topic                       | Program Patrol   | Assigned ASPL | Service Patrol* | Notes   |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 7/31/2023  | Physical Fitness Test Start |  | Ethan & Jaime |                 | Meet at Buffett Middle School by the track. Wear Class B uniform and bring water! |
| 7/31   | Scoutmaster Corps Meeting   |  |               |                 | Buffett Middle School 6 pm  |
| 8/7/23   | Pool Party 6-8:30 pm        | Maple Village Pool. Scouts are free, \$5 for non-scouts. <b>Mandatory parent meeting at the pool.</b> 3645 Maplewood Blvd. <a href="#">Signup Genius</a> to swim and eat |               |                 |   |
| 8/14/23  | Rank Workshop               | Legit Llamas   | Ethan & Jaime |                 |   |
| 8/21/23  | Orienteering                | Turbo Turtles  |               |                 |   |
| 8/28/23  | Physical Fitness Test End   |  |               |                 | Meet at Buffett Middle School by the track. Wear Class B uniform and bring water! |
| 9/4/23   | No Meeting – Labor Day      |  |               |                 |   |
| 9/11/23  | Court of Honor              |  |               |                 |   |
| See the <a href="#">new meeting schedule* here!</a> Schedule subject to change*              |                             |  |               |                 |   |
| *Service patrol needs to arrive by 6:30 pm to set up and stay after the meeting to clean up* |                             |  |               |                 |   |

## Do a Good Turn Daily Service Projects

| Date        | Time        | Project  | Location  | Notes   |
|-------------|-------------|--|---|---|
| 7/29/23     | 9am-2pm     | Connor Tjepkes Eagle Project, Day 2<br>Food and Drink provided | Standing Bear Dam Site 16, 6406 N 132 Street    | Sign up to help through <a href="#">SignUp Genius</a> – Day 2   |
| 8/12 & 8/19 | 8 am - noon | Heron Haven trail work with Iron Horse District                | Heron Haven, 120 <sup>th</sup> and Maple Street | Conservation Service Hours, contact <a href="mailto:mac@scouting.org">mac@scouting.org</a> if you can help!                                 |
| 9/9/23      | 11am – 5 pm | World O! Water Festival Helpers through Iron Horse District    | Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154 St.   | Sign up link: <a href="https://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/event-volunteer.html">https://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/event-volunteer.html</a> |

## Campouts

| Date                              | Program/Theme                    | Location                 | Notes   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 8/18-19 (Friday & Saturday night) | MAC on the Ropes; \$25 per scout | Camp Cedars              | Adults with YTP and leadership positions are needed for the campout, and they can participate in the climbing activities for \$25. Email <a href="mailto:troop308.camping@gmail.com">troop308.camping@gmail.com</a> to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets). |
| 9/22-24                           | Hiking Campout                   | Indian Cave State Park   | Email <a href="mailto:troop308.camping@gmail.com">troop308.camping@gmail.com</a> to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets).  |
| 10/6-8                            | Webelos Woods                    | Camp Cedars              | Recruiting Event for all Packs in the district. Email <a href="mailto:troop308.camping@gmail.com">troop308.camping@gmail.com</a> to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets).  |
| 10/20-22                          | Camporee                         | Little Sioux Scout Ranch | Email <a href="mailto:troop308.camping@gmail.com">troop308.camping@gmail.com</a> to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets).  |
| November                          | Lock-in                          |                          | More information coming soon  |
| 12/3-5                            | Troop Leadership Training        | Camp Eagle               | More information coming soon  |

## Important News

**Beginning in August 1, 2023, all parents attending campouts will need YPT up-to-date AND fill out an application for a troop leadership position.** Every adult who camps must be registered. Please stay up-to-date with Youth Protection Training (YPT). It must be completed every 2 years, and do not let it expire! It is much easier to renew training than to restart the YPT process. Contact Susan Harrison with questions regarding required application paperwork.

**Please request Scoutmaster conferences.** August 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day for a Scoutmaster conference for rank advancement prior to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor. Last day for Board of Review is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure advancements achieved at summer camp are recorded and signed off. Scouts should record all campouts, service projects, hiking, etc. in their scout book and ask an adult leader to update this information in Scoutbook.

**Wood Badge** is a scout leadership opportunity scheduled for September for the weekends of September 15-17<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$210 if registered by August 1. Register on the MAC-BSA Website [Wood Badge Registration](#).

**Merit Badge Counselors.** We are looking for some volunteers to lead merit badges. Please contact Rick Provaznik or Mary Tjepkes with your ideas and scheduling.

## Adult Leadership Opportunities





**Open Positions:** Please contact Rick Provaznik if interested [rprovaznik@hotmail.com](mailto:rprovaznik@hotmail.com)

1. Charter Representative - maintain the relationship with our Charter Organization, the Mid-America Council. Time commitment - a few hours / year. November 1 is the due date for chartering.
2. Popcorn and camp cards assistant coordinator; transition to coordinator next year
3. Assistant Scoutmasters needed! Please consider this position; we need more ASMs.
4. Committee Members
5. Merit Badge Counselors
5. Board of Review Volunteers - Always looking for volunteers. Please contact Patty Lewis if you can help out or with questions!

**The Scout Oath** On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**The Scout Law** A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

### Upcoming Troop 308 Merit Badges

| Date | Time & Location | Merit Badge |  | Notes                                      |
|------|-----------------|-------------|--|--|
| TBD  |                 | Dentistry   |  | Learn more about <a href="#">Dentistry</a> |
| TBD  | Lake Flanagan   | Fishing     |  | Learn more about <a href="#">Fishing</a>   |

### Other Merit Badge Opportunities

| Location  | Date | Merit Badge  | Time                   | Cost & Registration   |
|---|------|--|------------------------|---|
| Online Merit Badge Classes<br><a href="http://meritbadgecourses.com">meritbadgecourses.com</a>                |      |  |                        | \$19.95; most are 1-2 hours<br><br>They have registered merit badge counselors, but prior to registering, the Scout should have a discussion with their unit leader to:<br>1) obtain approval to participate in the course<br>2) confirm that their unit leader will approve the blue card upon course completing |
| Henry Doorly Zoo<br><br>For other merit badges and information, see: <a href="#">Omaha Zoo Scout Programs</a> |      | August 6 <sup>th</sup> – Oceanography<br>August 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sustainability | Wed, 6 pm<br>Sun, 1 pm | Contact <a href="mailto:scouts@OmahaZoo.com">scouts@OmahaZoo.com</a> or (402) 738-2092 for more information or to register.   |

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|  |   | August 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Night Owl | Wed, 5:30 pm<br>Wed, 6 pm |  |
| Durham Museum<br>For merit badges and other information see: <a href="#">Durham Museum Merit Badges</a>                                  | All spring scout programs are now completed; check back soon! |                                     |                           |  |
| Daniel Boone Council Merit Badges<br><a href="https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual">https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual</a> |   |                                     | Days and Times vary       | Register online; most classes are \$10 |

