

8.11.2023

Troop 308

A-Words



*Welcome! Be
Prepared*

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; (402) 201- 4539.

Communication Brainstorming

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts on improving troop communications at the pool party. We are researching our options will discuss our research findings soon!

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 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---|
| 8/14/23 | Rank Workshop & PLC Meeting | Legit Llamas | Ethan & Jaime | Electric Sporks | |
| 8/21/23 | Orienteering & Committee Meeting | Turbo Turtles | | Whispering Wasps | Last day for a Scoutmaster meeting before Court of Honor |
| 8/28/23 | Physical Fitness Test End | Troop Guides | | | Meet at Buffett Middle School by the track. Wear Class B uniform and bring water! Last day for Board of Review before Court of Honor |
| 9/4/23 | No Meeting – Labor Day | | | | |
| 9/11/23 | Court of Honor | | | | |
| 9/18/23 | Backpack Packing & Camping Prep | Legit Llamas | | | |
| 9/25/23 | Leave No Trace | Zillion Zebras | | | |
| See the new meeting schedule* here! 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 |
|--------|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| 8/12 | 8 am - noon | Heron Haven trail work with Iron Horse District | Heron Haven, 120 th and Maple Street | Conservation Service Hours, contact mac@scouting.org if you can help! |
| 8/13 | 10 am | Blessing of the Backpacks/Back to School Blessings | St. Andrew's Church | Technically, not service but would be great to represent the Troop and receive the blessing for this school year! |
| 8/19 | 8 am - noon | Heron Haven trail work with Iron Horse District | Heron Haven, 120 th and Maple Street | Conservation Service Hours, contact mac@scouting.org if you can help! |
| 8/20 | 8-9:30 am & 1-2:30 pm | St. Andrew's End of Summer Celebration/Big Party helpers | St. Andrew's Church | Wear Class B. Please sign up at the 8/14 Monday meeting. Contact Mrs. Krapfl with questions. |
| 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: https://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/event-volunteer.html |

Campouts – Adults please sign up to help (drivers and campers) Signup Genius !!!

| Date | Program/Theme | Location | Notes |
|----------|--|---|--|
| 8/19 | MAC on the Ropes; \$25 per scout Note: this event now is a day program ONLY More Information | Camp Cedars | Adults with YTP and leadership positions are needed, and they can participate in the climbing activities for \$25. Email troop308.camping@gmail.com to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets). We need to more adults to help with this event. |
| 9/22-24 | Hiking Campout | Indian Cave State Park | Email troop308.camping@gmail.com to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets). |
| 10/6-8 | Webelos Woods More Information | Camp Cedars | Recruiting Event for all Packs in the district. Email troop308.camping@gmail.com to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets). |
| 10/20-22 | Camporee – Quest for the Golden Compass More Information | Camp Eagle Note location change (BK approved) | Email troop308.camping@gmail.com 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 |



Fundraising

It's Popcorn Time! In-person sales begin September 8th. Register to sell popcorn on the Trails End app and contact the Popcorn Kernel Colby Jensen (colby.jensen@forvis.com) to let her know you are signed up/receive popcorn communication. Storefront shift registrations begin August 22nd. Information will be presented at the 8/21 meeting.

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 21st is the last day for a Scoutmaster conference for rank advancement prior to the September 11th Court of Honor. Last day for Board of Review is August 28th. 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.

Adult Camper and Drivers needed. Mrs. Orlich has created a Signup Genius to help with planning camping events. Adults, please use the [SignUp Genius Link](#) to sign up as you are able.

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



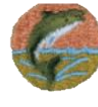



Open Positions: Please contact Rick Provaznik if interested rprovaznik@hotmail.com

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!

Upcoming Troop 308 Merit Badges

*Please check for new requirements for the 30+ merit badges (some Eagle required) with new requirements as of January 1, 2023. If you already started the merit badge, you can complete the requirements you originally started.

| Date | Time & Location | Merit Badge | | Notes |
|------|-----------------|-------------|---|--|
| TBD | | Dentistry |  | Learn more about Dentistry |
| TBD | | Chemistry |  | Learn more about Chemistry |
| TBD | Lake Flanagan | Fishing |  | Learn more about Fishing |
| TBD | | Law |  | Learn more about Law |

Other Merit Badge Opportunities

| Location | Date | Merit Badge | Time | Cost & Registration |
|---|--|--|---------------------|---|
| Online Merit Badge Classes meritbadgeworkshops.com | | | | \$19.95; most are 1-2 hours They have registered merit badge counselors, but prior to registering, the Scout should have a discussion with their unit leader to: 1) obtain approval to participate in the course 2) confirm that their unit leader will approve the blue card upon course completing |
| Henry Doorly Zoo For other merit badges and information, see: Omaha Zoo Scout Programs | Sundays & Wednesdays More information coming soon! | August 23 rd – Night Owl | Wed, 6 pm | Contact scouts@OmahaZoo.com or (402) 738-2092 for more information or to register. 2 hr class = \$25 3 hr class = \$35 |
| Durham Museum For merit badges and other information see: Durham Museum Merit Badges | 10/21/2023 & 3/9/2024 10/21/2023 & 3/9/2024 1/20/2024 11/4/2023 & 2/10/2024 11/4/2023 & 2/10/2024 1/10/2024 | Citizenship of the Nation American Heritage Citizenship in Society Coin Collecting Railroading Textiles | Times vary | \$13-15 per scout + \$5 chaperone fee Select the register icon on the website, call the Education Department at 402-444-5027 or email education@DurhamMuseum.org . |
| Daniel Boone Council Merit Badges https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual | | | Days and Times vary | Register online; most classes are \$10 James Hylemon - (828) 275-3075 Sr. District Executive - Looking Glass |

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.