

8.25.2023

# Troop 308

## A-Words



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*Welcome! Be  
Prepared*

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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.

### 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
8/28/23	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
8/28	ASM Meeting				
9/4/23	No Meeting – Labor Day				
9/11/23	Court of Honor – please send Mrs. Harrison items for the COH program, such as summer camp, Sea Base, other High Adventure, Awards, etc.				
9/18/23	Backpack Packing & Camping Prep	Legit Llamas			
9/18	Committee Meeting & PLC Meeting				
9/25/23	Leave No Trace	Zillion Zebras			
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
8/26 & 8/27	10am-3 pm	Owen Monroe's Eagle Project (Meditation Shelter)	Schramm Park	Please sign up using <a href="#">Google Doc</a> ; Food and water are provided
8/27	2 pm	Big Garden Harvest	St. Andrew's Garden	Bring work gloves!
9/9 & 9/10	10 am-3 pm	Owen Monroe's Eagle Project (Meditation Shelter)	Schramm Park	Please sign up using <a href="#">Google Doc</a> ; Food and water are provided
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>
10/7/23	7-8:30 am & 3-4:30 pm	St. Andrew's Boutique Set up and Tear Down	St. Andrew's Church	Sign up at Monday meetings or contact Mrs. Krapfl to let her know your availability. Note: this is the weekend of Webelos Woods.

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

Date	Program/Theme	Location	Notes
8/19	MAC on the Ropes;	Camp Cedars	<a href="#">Photos</a>
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 <a href="#">More Information</a>	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 – Quest for the Golden Compass <a href="#">More Information</a>	Camp Eagle <b>Note location change (BK approved)</b>	Email <a href="mailto:troop308.camping@gmail.com">troop308.camping@gmail.com</a> to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets).  \$20 per scout; adults free.
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 8<sup>th</sup>. Online bonuses go now through 9/15 for extra points. Register to sell popcorn on the Trails End app and contact the Popcorn Kernel Colby Jensen ([colby.jensen@forvis.com](mailto:colby.jensen@forvis.com)) with questions. You can do door-to-door sales, and storefront shift registrations begin August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up for September store fronts! See [more information](#) about popcorn sales.

## 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.

**Summer camp merit badges.** If your scout participated in merit badges at summer camp, you can check to see if they are completed in Scoutbook->Advancement. Scroll down to see which merit badges are in progress and learn what your scout needs to do to complete it. Contact the merit badge coordinator (Mary Tjepkes) to enter the remaining requirements.

**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](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!

### 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. Merit Badge Mondays return in October!

Date	Time & Location	Merit Badge		Notes
Saturday, September 9	10am – 2 pm Metro South Campus	Stamp Collecting		Free day of fun! Call (402) 699-4353 to reserve your spot. Worksheets provided. Bring a sack lunch. Learn more about <a href="#">Stamp Collecting</a>
Tuesday, September 26 & Monday, October 9	5:00 – 7:00 pm; Clarkson College (42 <sup>nd</sup> & Dodge) & St. Andrew's (10/9; 6 pm) <a href="#">See Flyer</a>	Health Care Professions		This will be a two-part series. Part 1 will be a tour & conversations with health care professionals at Clarkson College. Part 2 will be on Merit Badge Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St. Andrew's. I'm also looking for volunteer opportunities for scouts to help in a health care capacity ~ Nancy  Learn more about <a href="#">Health Care Professions</a> Print <a href="#">Worksheet</a>
TBD		Dentistry		Learn more about <a href="#">Dentistry</a>
TBD		Chemistry		Learn more about <a href="#">Chemistry</a>

TBD		Law		Learn more about <a href="#">Law</a>
Other Merit Badge Opportunities				
Location	Date	Merit Badge	Time	Cost & Registration
Online Merit Badge Classes <a href="https://meritbadgeworkshops.com">meritbadgeworkshops.com</a>				\$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: <a href="#">Omaha Zoo Scout Programs</a>	Sundays & Wednesdays More information coming soon!			Contact <a href="mailto:scouts@OmahaZoo.com">scouts@OmahaZoo.com</a> 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: <a href="#">Durham Museum Merit Badges</a>	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 <a href="mailto:education@DurhamMuseum.org">education@DurhamMuseum.org</a> .
Daniel Boone Council Merit Badges <a href="https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual">https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual</a>			Days and Times vary	Register online; most classes are \$10 <b>James Hylemon</b> - (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.