

10.13.2023

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.

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
10/16/2023	Lashings Project	Electric Sporks	Sasha & Jaime	Sarcastic Sloths	
10/23/2023	No Meeting				
10/25/2023 Wednesday 7:00 – 8:45 pm	Scary Acres				Scouts/Families will pay for admission. Parent(s) will chaperone their own scout.
10/30/2023	Halloween Party	Whispering Wasps	Sasha & Jaime	Electric Sporks	
11/6/2023	What positions do	Electric Sporks	Miles & Kat	Sarcastic Sloths	
11/13/2023	Basic First Aid	Whispering Wasps	Miles & Kat	Flaming Tacos	CPR Class* at 6 pm with Dr. Franklin at St. Andrews in LL2 *must attend both CPR sessions to earn certification
11/20/2023	Advanced First Aid	Sarcastic Sloths	Miles & Kat	Turbo Turtles	CPR Class* at 6 pm with Dr. Franklin at St. Andrews in LL2 *must attend both CPR sessions to earn certification
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
10/22	1-4 pm	Jack Carson's Eagle Project Schramm Learning Center Benches and Improvements	Jack Carson's house 13504 Hillsborough Drive	Constructing wood benches in Jack's garage. Food provided. Please RSVP to Jack at JPCarson25@outlook.com (copy plcarson@cox.net)
11/11	9 am-1pm	Zach Provaznik's Eagle Project	Schramm Park	Building fishing line recycling for Schramm and Platte River State Parks. Food Provided. We will take a trail hike to collect litter for those who want to join! Please RSVP to Rick and Zach at Zach.provaznik@gmail.com and copy rprovaznik@hotmail.com
11/12	TBD	Jack Carson's Eagle Project Schramm Learning Center Benches and Improvements	Schramm Park	Installing the benches at Schramm Park and cleaning up the area around the benches. Food provided. Please RSVP to Jack at JPCarson25@outlook.com (copy plcarson@cox.net)

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

Date	Program/Theme	Location	Notes
10/20-22	Camporee – Quest for the Golden Compass More Information	Camp Eagle	Email troop308.camping@gmail.com to sign up (scouts can sign up on the attendance sheets). \$20 per scout; adults free.
11/3/2023 - 11/4/2023	Lock-in	St. Andrew's Church	We will meet in a classroom at 6:30 pm and transition to the Family Life Center (FLC) at 8 pm. Will work on skills. Pick up by 3pm on Saturday.
12/3-5	Troop Leadership Training	Camp Eagle	More information coming soon

Other Events

Scout Night with Omaha Mavericks Ice Hockey. Saturday, November 11th at Baxter Arena. Each Scout can sign up to receive 3 free tickets with additional tickets purchased for \$10. See <https://scoutingevent.com/326-74650>

BSA Big Give

Save the date for BSA Big Give on December 6th.



Fundraising

It's Popcorn Time! 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) with questions. You can do door-to-door sales, and storefront shift registrations begin August 22nd. Sign up for September and October store fronts on the Trails End app! See [more information](#) about popcorn sales.



Greens

The troop is selling greens during the month of October through the 23rd! Please note the short length of time to sell. Contact Mary Tjepkes if you need an order form. Checks can be made to Troop 308. Scouts will deliver locally during the week of Thanksgiving.

Important News




<p>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.</p>
<p>Rank Advancement Hey Scouts, don't forget about working on your rank advancement. Get those requirements checked off and come see Mrs. Harrison to get them recorded. If you have any questions about the merit badges you received or did not receive at the last COH, please see Mrs. Harrison. Next Court of Honor is December 11th</p>
<p>Troop Chartering is coming soon. If your YPT expires before the end of the year or early in 2024, please renew your YPT by <u>October 15th</u>. We have an early deadline for charter and cannot complete it if our leadership is not current on YPT. Please contact your Scoutmaster or Rick Provaznik to let us know your plan to continue with the troop for this year.</p>
<p>Adult Camper and Drivers needed. Mrs. McGovern 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.</p>
<p>Merit Badge Counselors. We are looking for some volunteers to lead merit badges. Please contact Mary Tjepkes with your ideas and scheduling. Tjepkes4@gmail.com</p>

Adult Leadership Opportunities



<p>Open Positions: Please contact Rick Provaznik if interested rprovaznik@hotmail.com</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

TBD		Dentistry		Learn more about Dentistry
TBD		Chemistry		Learn more about Chemistry
TBD		Law		Learn more about Law

Other Merit Badge Opportunities

Location	Date	Merit Badge	Time	Cost & Registration
Merit Badge College Columbus, Nebraska at Central Community College	10/14/2023	Welding, Swimming, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Mammal Study, Leatherwork, Healthcare Professions, First Aid, Electronics, Digital Technology, Dentistry, Communication, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Camping, and Athletics	8 am – 4 pm	- \$10 if registered by <u>9/30</u> , \$20 after for youth, adults are free - Includes glasses to view the partial solar eclipse - Additional \$10 for meal ticket Register here
Merit Badge College Quest Learning Academy	11/4/2023	Robotics, Communication, First Aid, Citizenship in the World and Citizenship in the Nation	8:30 am – 4 pm	- \$10 admission - Additional \$10 for meal ticket Register here
Online Merit Badge Classes meritbadgcourses.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

<p>Henry Doorly Zoo</p> <p>For other merit badges and information, see: Omaha Zoo Scout Programs</p>	<p>Sundays & Wednesdays See website for more information</p>	<p>Sunday, 10/15/23 Reptile and Amphibian Study</p> <p>Wednesday, 10/25/2023 Bird Study (Virtual)</p> <p>Sunday, 11/5/23 Mammal Study</p> <p>Sunday, 11/19/23 Oceanography</p> <p>Sunday, 12/10/23 Nature</p>	<p>Times Vary, some are virtual</p>	<p>Contact scouts@OmahaZoo.com or (402) 738-2092 for more information or to register. 2 hr class = \$25 3 hr class = \$35</p> <p>Register</p>
<p>Durham Museum</p> <p>For merit badges and other information see: Durham Museum Merit Badges</p>	<p>10/21/2023 & 3/9/2024</p> <p>10/21/2023 & 3/9/2024</p> <p>1/20/2024</p> <p>11/4/2023 & 2/10/2024</p> <p>11/4/2023 & 2/10/2024</p> <p>1/10/2024</p>	<p>Citizenship of the Nation</p> <p>American Heritage</p> <p>Citizenship in Society</p> <p>Coin Collecting</p> <p>Railroading</p> <p>Textiles</p>	<p>Times vary</p>	<p>\$13-15 per scout + \$5 chaperone fee</p> <p>Select the register icon on the website, call the Education Department at 402-444-5027 or email education@DurhamMuseum.org.</p>
<p>Daniel Boone Council Merit Badges https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/virtual</p>			<p>Days and Times vary</p>	<p>Register online; most classes are \$10 James Hylemon - (828) 275-3075 Sr. District Executive - Looking Glass</p>

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.