

Troop 526 Parent Meeting
Tues. Nov 6, 2007

- **Cady Road Campout**

The City has given us the names of several N Royalton residences who need help with yard work on Saturday. Following this, we will go back to Cady Road and do some work for Sister Agnes. If anyone with a pick-up truck is willing to help shuttle leaves to the Recycle Center, we can use your help! Boys should bring rakes, gloves, and water bottles.

- **Pasta Dinner: Sunday Jan. 27th 2008**

Ticket price: \$7.00 adult, \$4.00 child . This year, each scout family will be expected to sell \$50.00 worth of tickets (roughly 8 tickets). We are instituting a "Fair Share" policy with our Boy Scout Troop, which means that scouts will need to "buy out" the remainder of any portion of the \$50.00 amount they do not sell. Volunteers will need to buy a ticket to eat. There will be 3 prizes for our top ticket selling families this year (only one winner per family) ... \$50.00 prize for our top ticket seller, and two \$25.00 prizes for second and third place. We are also planning to hold a 50/50 raffle, as well as a door prize for the event. We are also looking for corporate sponsors who would like to place an ad on our placemats. The price is \$100 per ad. Please contact John Farinelli if interested.

- **Nut Sale Update**

Please email orders to Joyce Theus, or your scout may bring the money to any Scout meeting. Items can be picked up at the Theus home, or at Scout meetings. Money must be included with your order or at pick-up. This is a great opportunity for you to get money into your sons' account. Encourage them to sell!

- **Troop expenses**

The expense to the Troop (per scout) averages \$125.00 annually. This expense is the cost of awards, cabin fees, badges, re-charter fees, campsite fees, and other non-scout paid events. Our fundraisers include the Pasta Dinner, the nut sale, Home Days and the recycle program. Money from the sale of nuts at the Craft Fair goes directly into the Troop account.

- **Troop Dues: collection policy change!!**

Beginning this 1/1/2008, dues will be collected on a monthly basis on the first Tuesday of the month. The fee will be \$5.00. Dues must be paid in person by the scout to our Troop Scribe. If dues are paid in advance, or from the Troop account, the scout may turn in a voucher to the scribe with this information. If a scout does not pay dues for more than 3 months, they will be put on an "inactive member" list.

- **Recycle Bins**

Our bins will soon be moving from the Church parking lot to the Discount Drugmart parking lot at the corner of Wallings and State. Please continue to support our recycling program! Also, continue to pick up any litter you see in the area around our bins to keep the area neat.

- **For the Record**

In order for our Troop to receive the Centennial Unit Award (fka: Quality Unit Award) our Scoutmaster must develop a business plan and associated program enhancements that will meet certain requirements placed on our Troop. Key performance indicators for 2007 included:

- We will retain 60% of our youth member in the Troop: Actual=76%, 2008 goal=78%
- 60% of our registered adult leaders who work directly with the boys will be trained in their positions: Actual=71%, 2008 goal=75%
- 60% of our youth members will advance one or more Ranks. Actual=61%
- We will recruit 5 new scouts. Actual=9, 2008 goal=12
- We will recruit 2 new registered adult leaders. Actual=3, 2008 goal=3
- At least 70% of our youth members will participate in an outdoor experience or one activity per month (other than Troop Meetings). Actual=67%, 2008 goal=67%