



Troop 526

Saint Albert The Great, North Royalton, Ohio

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Scoutmaster Minute

Tonight we recognize the hard work and dedication of 45 Boy Scouts from Troop 526. Since our Spring Court of Honor (4/2/08) together they have earned 162 merit badges, and 30 Rank Advancements. Let's take a look at some other amazing achievements that our Troop has accomplished during the past 4 years:

Would you have guessed that Troop 526 has registered more than 75 youth of our community into our program during this time? Your Troop has provided each of these individuals with a positive moral and ethical environment and encouraged them to build a positive self-esteem. During this time, these young men earned more than 200 rank advancements, including 21 to the rank of Eagle Scout. These same Scouts have earned more than 750 Merit Badges during this period! Our Overall average unit participation at meetings, Campouts, service projects and other outings has increased from 43% to 60%. Again, this is simply amazing!!!

I have the opportunity to talk with Scoutmasters from other Boy Scout Troops and most are simply amazed by the results of our Troop. I tell them we are blessed to have Adult Leadership, supportive Parents and volunteers to make this program such a success. Thank you for your efforts.

The next time you have the opportunity to talk with Fr. Vail, Fr.

Tesek, Fr. Bona or Fr. Stock thank them for sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 526. Let them know how your son(s) has benefited from this program and encourage their continued support.

Mr. DeVille

Scoutmaster

Holiday Nut Sale Fundraiser

Here's a great opportunity for the boys to put some money into their troop account and help the Troop! Last year, 30 Scouts participated in the nut sale. - **This is the major fund-raiser for the Troop.** Last year, \$3179 went into Scout accounts, an average of \$106 earned per Scout. In our case, Richie's registration fees, summer camp and other camping fees were paid for out of his Scout account. In addition, \$704 went into the Troop treasury so equipment could be replaced as needed. Funds also help with other expenses incurred by the Troop.

With minimal effort of both our Scouts and their families, we can easily achieve 100% participation! There are 2 ways that a Scout can participate...taking orders from family and friends and helping at the sales after mass.

There will be 3 opportunities for Scouts to turn in their orders: Nov. 2, Nov. 18 and Nov. 30. The first order will be available for delivery Nov. 4th and the remaining two orders will be available two weeks after placing the order.

Mass sale signups will start Tues. Oct. 21. The sale profits for the 2 weekend masses (Nov. 22 and 23, and Dec. 13 and 14) will be divided equally between the participants.

A parent is needed to take care of the December mass sales as the Theus family has a prior commitment all weekend! Please volunteer to take the products to church before Sat.'s 4:00 mass and set up the tables with products and signs, pick up money box after 5:30 pm mass, take money box to church for 8 am Sun. mass (tables/products are left in church overnight) and finally pick up the product and money after masses. This is a commitment for one weekend only. If no one volunteers, the mass sales will be canceled. Please contact the Theus family or any adult leader if you are able to help!

The items we sell have an average of 35% profit. All profits from individual orders and mass sales will go into the scout account except for 50 cents per item sold, which will go into the Troop treasury. The Troop will also profit from all Craft Fair sales. The scouts will earn service hours for set-up, selling at the Craft Fair and cleanup. With this fundraiser, the Troop has been able to maintain LOW annual dues and purchase merit badges and troop equipment. Our success hinges on Scout participation! Good Luck Selling!!!

-Rich Theus

Troop 526 Committee Chair

October 4, 2008 our troop performed a service project at the monastery on Cady Road. We pulled weeds, cleared a grotto, uncovered a flagstone sidewalk, cleared an overgrown flowerbed and seeded a bare area of lawn.

We has several boys attend the Cub Scout overnighter on the green, lending their experience to the staff of the camp, and even MC'd the campfire. There were positive comments about our scouts' exemplary behavior.

October 17-19 is the Manatoc campout. Make sure you turn in your permission slips. This is a tent camp. A hike is being planned.

October 12 is a service project benefiting the Cleveland Metroparks Towpath Marathon. We have a station to supply water to the runners.

November 8 is Yard Charge, and we have a list of names for citizens in the North Royalton community needing our help. Plan to help. This is a very good way to help our neighbors! The City Service Department is supplying leaf bags for this event

-Pat Stanfield

Activities