



Troop 526

Saint Albert The Great, North Royalton, Ohio

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Scoutmaster Minute

What are you doing this summer? How about joining us at Summer Camp! The Troop will again this year be going to Seven Ranges Scout Reservation from July 27- August 2, 2008 and will be staying at Magic Mountain and The Pines campsites. Please mark these dates on your family calendar. This is one of the most important campouts that we will go on this year. Most Scouts will advance a Rank, earn about three merit badges and have a BLAST!!!! So make sure that you get your reservation turned in on time.

Mr. DeVille

Scoutmaster

Help us help the boys

The Boy Scout Court of Honor is one of my favorite Scouting events! We recognize the time and hard work each Scout puts in as he advances in rank and is awarded his merit badges. I would like to personally congratulate each Scout on their accomplishments. I would also congratulate their parents, because it is with their guidance and involvement of their parents as role models and leaders.

As a troop we also need the involvement of the parents. We have 43 registered adults in the troop. This is something that we can be proud of, but we still need your help-your involvement. As my mom used to say-Many hands make light

work. Tonight we have an opportunity to help the troop. I am asking that ALL adults stop by our table tonight and take a minute or two to fill out our Committee Preference Profile. This is simply a listing of our committees, and we are asking you to denote which committee you could support. The Committee Chair Person will contact you in the near future with additional information. Please do not be afraid to mark more than one committee. This is for non-registered adults as well. Many of the things that we need help with could be as simple as phone calls or our Uniform Exchange Program. While these things take little time, they are still important.

We want to continue to keep the troop strong. With your help we can accomplish this. I know that we are all very busy, but what can be more important than our children? Your help is needed. Who knows, you may actually have some fun as well!

Any questions please see Scoutmaster Dan Deville or me. Please return your completed sheet to Kate Vetovitz by April 2. Thank you for your help and we look forward to working with you and our boys.

-Rich Theus

Troop 526 Committee Chair

Merit Badges

Mr. Lynch, Advancement Chairperson

It's never too early to start thinking about Summer Camp and what Merit Badges you may work on. This is

only a tentative list of what will be offered this summer. Start thinking warm weather, swimming, boating, camping and NO SNOW!!!

American Cultures, Archery, Art, Astronomy, Basketry, Camping, Canoeing, Chemistry, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Emergency Preparedness, Energy, Environmental Science, Fire Safety, Fishing, Fish and Wildlife Management, First Aid, Forestry, Geology, Leatherwork, Lifesaving, Mammal Study, Model Design and Building, Motor boating, Nature, Oceanography, Orienteering, Pioneering, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Sailing, Shotgun Shooting, Soil and Water Conservation, Swimming, Weather, Wilderness Survival, Wood Carving

First Years- We will discuss which Merit Badges you can earn at your first year at Summer Camp. Get ready to have fun!!!

Recycling update

Submitted by Mr. Ron Blazak

Boy Scout Troop 526 started its recycling program in May of 2006; we started with 2 collection bins located in the upper church parking lot of St. Albert's. A lot has changed since then! In November of 2007, we relocated the bins (we now have 3) to the Discount Drug Mart parking lot located at Wallings and State Roads. This location is highly visible, and gives easy access for all of North Royalton to participate in our effort.

Since the inception of the program we have collected over 133 tons of paper and saved over 414 cubic yards of landfill space!! The 22-month average is about \$100 per month. More recently, since the relocation of the bins, we are averaging \$166 per month! Thank you to all the participants who support this program!

In short, please continue to recycle your scrap paper with our program. As you are dropping off paper, please help keep the area around the bins clean by picking up any loose paper that may have escaped the bins.

2010 Boy Scout National Jamboree

Every four years the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America organizes the National Boy Scout Jamboree. The 2010 Jambo will be held at Fort A P Hill Virginia, where over 35,000 Boy Scouts and leaders plus over 5,000 staff members will take over 3,000 plus acres of the Fort A P Hill military base. In the 24-hour period when Jamboree moves in, A P Hill becomes the Commonwealth of Virginia's 7th largest city!

This Jamboree is the 17th National Jamboree and celebrates the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the United States." The Language of Scouting" defines a jamboree as a term chosen by Lord Baden-Powell to describe the first international gathering of Scouts camping together in London in 1920. The term is restricted to indicate a national or world jamboree. This 10-day event takes place from July 25th to August 4th 2010.

Who can go to this event? Each Scout Council is given an allotment of provisional troops that can attend the Jamboree. Greater Cleveland Council will once again be given space for 4 troops of 36 youth and 4 adult leaders. The Scouts that participate must be at least 1st Class Scouts by June of 2010, and must meet certain age requirements. It is expected that because of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in conjunction with the Jamboree. Space will fill up quickly! It is anticipated that Greater Cleveland Council will open up on-line registration in June of this year.

The cost of this event is expected to be in the \$1,500 to \$1,700 range all-inclusive. This includes the National Jamboree fee, transportation, meals, equipment and side excursions at the conclusion of the Jamboree. The cost also will include a training weekend at Camp Beaumont about a month before the start of Jamboree.

There are 4 adult leaders that are chosen via an interview process for each of the Council-formed troops: A

Scoutmaster , First Assistant SM,
Second Assistant SM, and a Third
Assistant SM (a young adult Scouter
between the ages of 18 and 21). Mr.
Blazak has been chosen as a Second
Assistant SM Ryan Blazak as Third
Assistant SM. If any Scout or
Scout's Parents have any questions
about the 2010 Jamboree, please feel
free to talk to Mr. Blazak or Mr.
DeVile.