The Red Lantern

Troop 294's Newsletter

January 2011

To: The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families
Date: *January 24, 2011*
Web Page: ***http://www.troop294.net***

Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

Jan 29	4:00 pm.	Ian Bu.'s Eagle Ceremony
Jan 31	6:00 – 6:50	Committee meeting in cafeteria
Jan 31	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement Scouts that want a leadership position sign up at meeting. Physical Fitness test will take place during gym time.
Feb 03	7-8:30	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable – Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Feb 07	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement Youth Leadership Elections
Feb 11-13		Snow Base – details of meeting times TBD, for signed up Scouts & Venture Crew members
Feb 14	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement
Feb 18-20	meet at 6 pm	Campout at Fred C. A./Valley View - **Adults needed**
Feb 20	5-7:30 pm	Leadership Training (includes supper)
Feb 21	7 - 8:30 pm	Patrol Activity (St Pascal's is closed)
Feb 24	TBD	Cub Scout Blue & Gold – Scouts needed to come and help.
Feb 28	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement New Merit Badges Begin
March 3	7-8:30	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable – Church of Jesus Christ LDS
March 4	9:00 pm	"Great Rivers District Lock-up" – info below
March 7	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement New Leadership Positions Start, OA elections
March 11	Fridays	Men's Club Fish Fry starts – come participate or Volunteer
March 18-20	meet at **7:00 pm**	Campout at Phillippo/Ramsey - **Adults needed**
March 26	8:00 am	District Super Training Day for adults – info below

Scout Meetings of the 2010-2011 - will be Monday's in the St Pascal's school cafeteria.

Reminder that Feb 21st is Patrol Activity

Check out Venture Crew Information

TROOP 294 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Darius M.	Senior Patrol Leader
Tristen L.	Asst Senior Patrol Leader
Austin H.	Quartermaster
Andy M.	Historian
Ben P.	Scribe
Ben L.	Patrol leader
Eliot W.	Patrol leader
Caleb Bu.	Patrol leader
Lucas M.	Patrol leader

Den Chiefs:

Caleb Bu.: Pack 217 Bears Den Chief
Jonas Bu.: Pack 217 Wolves Den Chief

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Troop 294 Merit Badges – Everyone should be working on First Aid, Art or Chemistry. Please remember to check e-mail periodically because some of the merit badge counselors are sending updates as the badge progresses. Next sessions start on Feb. 28th & will include at this time Citizenship in the Community (Eagle Required) and Computers.

Attention Parents: Responsibility for Advancement: Leadership positions are required for advancement. Your sons have signed a contract addressing what each youth needs to do to get credit for their leadership position. Discuss these commitments with them

Youth leadership elections will be Feb 7

Monday, Jan 24th 8 – 8:20 pm meeting. Describe all the youth leader positions: Scouts interested in leadership positions please plan to attend. Purpose of this meeting is to make sure the youth understand the positions before they sign up for them. Parents are welcome to attend. We will have paper copies of the description of leadership positions at the meeting. After this meeting job descriptions will be emailed and posted on the web site.
Monday, Jan 31 - Scouts that want a position need to sign up for leadership positions
Monday, Feb 7 - Leadership elections – if possible, we will announce the new leadership team at the meeting, if not, Tristen will send out an email after the meeting.
Sunday, Feb 20 - 5 pm to 7:30 pm (includes supper) leadership training – all youth that are elected to Troop 294 leadership positions must attend this training. *If you cannot attend training please do not sign up for a leadership position.*
Monday, March - 7 New leadership positions start and will run through Nov 30, 2011. This gives 6 months in leadership role.

Friends of Scouting (FOS) – remember if you haven't contributed yet there still is time. Please let Tina L. know if you are planning to do so. If not, please let her know that as well. Remember it helps support scouting as it take $171/year for a boy scout. This will help all those scouts. THANK-YOU!

Ian Bu.'s Eagle Ceremony – All are welcome to attend Ian (Icky) Bu.'s Eagle Ceremony. It will be at Saturday, January 29th at 4:00 at the Mounds Park United Methodist Church on 1049 Euclid Street, St. Paul. If planning on attending, please RSVP to the Bucks @ (thebucks@usfamily.net) or call 651-772-2564.

Super Training Day-On Saturday, March 19th, starting at 8:00 a.m., the district will be offering several position specific training sessions. Being offered is: This is Scouting, Scoutmaster/ASM Specific training, Troop Committee Challenge, and Youth Protection. For more information please contact Mary Degel at mdegel@nsbsa.org

Great Rivers District Lock-up- "Great Rivers District Lock-up" in scheduled for Friday, March 4th, with Webelos and Boy Scouts being invited. The event start at 9:00 p.m. and goes until Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. Boy Scout Activities include: working on a Merit Badge; a Cribbage Tournament, Dodge Ball and Swimming. Please contact Dave Jungkunz at 651-777-4282 if you have any questions.

Group e-mail account for the troop.
Have you ever wanted to send an e-mail to the rest of the troop? Do you have your own collection of troop e-mail addresses? Have you ever copied and pasted a recent list of e-mail addresses and then later find that some of them no longer exist, are inaccurate or you missed someone? Wouldn't it be great if we could rely on one accurate list?

If you answered YES to most of these questions then read on… The troop is introducing the concept of "GOOGLE Groups" designed to address all of the above issues. Google Groups, for our purposes will host our group email account. That is, all of our e-mail addresses will be grouped together under one group. By typing the troop's Google Group e-mail address in the TO: section of your email will ensure that all recipients in that group will receive the e-mail. Pretty cool eh? – No more cutting and pasting collections of email addresses and hopefully a reduction in the number of returned e-mails and ensure everyone is getting every email!

You will soon be receiving an invitation from the troop's webmaster to join the troop's Google group. You will need to accept the invitation by clicking on a link enclosed in the invitation e-mail. This will be a private listing just for our troop. The troop's webmaster will manage the Google Group Account ensuring that all email addresses are valid and keep the list updated. In fact, we will all have access to see who is in our Group e-mail account.

So watch out for the webmaster's invitation - coming soon to your e-mail account. Special thanks goes to Mike Aeling for suggesting this approach

PATROL & OA UPDATES

ASP: We are all working on new badges. I know there is first aid, chemistry & art. In the art badge we all got to visit an artist for the badge. He made really cool fish from pottery. It was interesting. A bunch of us have been completely some merit badges outside the troop. This week I took archery with some of my scout buddies. It was cool. I learned that my stance is what was keeping me from hitting the target and that even if I am right handed, I am left eye dominate. This is why I didn't do so good. After learning that – I got arrows in the center. Missed the fun campout but heard Joespeh and a few others make snow huts but couldn't sleep in them. Submitted by Tristen L.

Pralien Patrol: No Report Submitted.

Empire Patrol:.No Report Submitted.

Gangster Bob the Builder on a Pony Patrol: No Report Submitted.

The Lethal Rebellion:. This is Ben L. for the Lethal Rebellion. The campout was awesome. Several of us participated in a giant snowball war. I have all the badges being offered right now, so I'm completing a partial I received in Theatre Merit Badge. We are all having fun. Good-Bye.

CAMPOUTS

February Campout – is the weekend of the 18th-20th at Fred C. A. at the Valley View Cabin.
Adults are needed for camping and driving. There will be more information and dates on future campouts follow in future newsletters. Rita S.

February Snow Base – Weekend of the 11-13. There may be more openings. If you are interested in going, please see Tina L. for more information. Cost is $75. Fun winter experience of sleeping outside in homemade huts. Campout is withVenture Crew.

VENTURE CREW 294 NEWS

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for ***young men and women,*** 14 (and have completed eighth grade) through 20 years old.

Upcoming Venture Activities:

Feb 11-13		Snow Base at Tomahawk
Feb 18	7:00-8:30 pm	Meeting at Mounds Park UMC; 1049 Euclid Street (Earl & Euclid)
March 4	7:8:30	Information Night at Mounds Park UMC
March 25-26	7 pm to 7 am	Lock-In game night. Caleb Bu. is in charge, so it will be Totally AWESOME. Ask him about details. We will have permission slips about a month ahead of time

Please check out these websites also for Venture Crew News

Facebook group: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=94569938535

Google Calendar:
http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=7eftqnvpfcnu5k6hlfk2qhnbco%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago

Tina L. is the editor of the Red Lantern and Mark M. is the webmaster of the Troop web site – If you have information like patrol activities, youth leadership reports, Eagle project fliers, Pack 294 activities – including the troop, Crew 294 activities, troop fundraiser information or other troop related news please give this info to them. The Red Lantern is usually published the second week of the month, although this can vary a bit. Tina's email address: lorsung@umn.edu and Mark's email address: webmaster@troop294.net.

TROOP 294 WEBSITE http://www.troop294.net

Check it out! Mark M. does a wonderful job of keeping the website updated daily so everyone can keep current on all Troop 294 activities. The yearly calendar, the latest issue of the Red Lantern, pictures, and lots of information and links can be found. You can email your pictures, ideas, Eagle Scout projects, etc to: webmaster@troop294.net.