

The Red Lantern

Troop 294's Newsletter January 2012

To: The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families
Date: January 16, 2012
Group e-mail: troop294@googlegroups.com
Website: <http://www.troop294.net>

January 21	9 am – 3 pm	Merit Badge Day
January 21 & 22	9 am	Winter Service and Fun with the Vulcans, State Fair Grounds
January 23	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 3.1 & rank advancement
January 30	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 3.2 & rank advancement
February 2	7 - 8:30 pm	Monthly Roundtable, Every Scouter is invited to GREAT RIVERS ROUNDTABLE, our monthly networking and continuing education event. Each session is at the LDS Church in Oakdale and starts at 7:00 pm
February 5	6 - 8:00 pm	Merit Badge Makeup at the Aeling's. Please email if coming & making up badge work.
February 6	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 3.3 & rank advancement
February 10	Campout	Fred C. A.: Valley Lodge -Depart Target Parking Lot at 6:00. Return Sunday 2/12/12 approx. 10 a.m. Target Parking Lot
February 13	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 3.4 & rank advancement
February 23		Pack 294 Blue & Gold – sign up to volunteer. See Tom B.
February 27	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 3.5 & rank advancement Sign up for Merit Badge Session 4. Spring fundraiser Kickoff Adult Volunteer sign up for 3/9/campout (drivers & campers)
March 1	7 - 8:30 pm	Monthly Roundtable
March 2-3	8:45 p.m.	Advancement Lock-in
March 5	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 4.1 & rank advancement Order of the Arrow Election Scout sign up for 9/9/12 campout
March 9	Campout	Fred C. A.: Peterson 1 -Depart Target Parking Lot at 6:00. Return Sunday 2/12/12 approx. 10 a.m. Target Parking Lot
March 10	8:00 a.m.	Super Training Day
March 12	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 4.2 & rank advancement Summer Camp Deposits \$25 Due 4/15/12
March 19	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 4.3 & rank advancement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp Credit – Scout/Parents please check with Dave L. if you would like your total amount available for camp/scouting activities. This will include all Fall fundraising.

Great Rivers Merit Badge Day: Saturday, January 21th, 2011 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Presbyterian Church (2675 HWY 36 E, North Saint Paul) **Pre-Registration required.** Merit Badges offered: Energy (Both Sessions), Physical Fitness (Both Sessions), Citizenship (Community, Nation, & World) (Afternoon Session Only), Camping (Morning Session Only) **Pre-requisites:** 1) Scoutmaster Approved Merit Badge Cards, 2) Review requirements for each MB prior to Date. If a Scout expects to have their Merit Badge Card approved on Saturday, have them

prepared to demonstrate the completion of requirements to the respective MB Counselor. Also, Scouts enrolled in Physical Fitness are expected to bring evidence of a recent medical examination. **Lunch:** a Pizza lunch with soft drinks will be offered at a cost of \$ 6.00 per individual. Please contact Dave Jungkunz (777-4282) regarding pre-registration. Due to the size of the facility we will need to limit enrollment to 50 youth at <http://greatrivers.nsbsa.org/>. All information is on the District Website.

Opportunity for Winter Service and Fun: The Vulcans of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival need lots of help preparing for the 2012 Minnesota State Snow Sculpting Competition and the Winter Carnival Snow Park and are looking to scouts for assistance. They will be building the blocks and a maze on Saturday, January 21, and Sunday, January 22 on a site located on Machinery Hill at the State Fairgrounds. Work will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday morning. Groups of all sizes and individuals are welcome.

Stay as long as you want. Lunch will be provided for those working through mid-day. A warming house will be open all day. There is no need to pre-register, but advance notice will help the Vulcans provide sufficient food. For questions and additional information please contact: Mark Salmen at (651) 271-6690 or mark.salmen@1973.usna.com or mark.salmen@delta.com.

This is a great opportunity to help the community while having some fun in the snow.

National Jamboree: Interested in attending the 2013 National Jamboree to be held at the NEW Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia? Registration is now open for this great event at this new location. The Northern Star Council is looking to fill 10 Troops and 3/4 of a Venture Crew or just over 400 participants and many more onsite staff. You can register: <http://districtoperations.nsbsa.org/NationalJamboree.aspx>

Family Friends of Scouting (FOS): Remember to turn in your FOS to Tina L. if you haven't done so already. If you haven't she will be contacting you. Please turn in even if the amount is zero.

Super Training Day: All scouts deserve trained leaders. Classes for Cubmasters & Assistants, Den Leaders, Den Chiefs, Scoutmasters & Assistants, Troop Committee, Venture Advisors. "This is Scouting" starts at 8:00 on March 10th. Stay tuned for a location.

Advancement Lock-in - March 2: Calling all Webelos and Boy Scouts: come for advancement and stay for the fun. Swimming, basketball, cribbage tournament, pizza at midnight, and movies until dawn. Registration for units begins at 8:45p.m. and the location to be determined. Two-deep adult leadership for each group required. Please let Lucy know if interested as we need to have 2 adults willing to also go.

TROOP 294 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Andrew H.	Senior Patrol Leader
Andrew B.	Assistance Sr. Patrol Leader
Anthony M.	Quartermaster
Matt S.	Historian
Kieven S.	Scribe
Taylor M.	Patrol leader
Daurius M.	Patrol leader
Caleb Bu.	Patrol leader
Fernando K.	Patrol leader
Jake M.	Patrol Leader
Andy M.	Troop Guide
Ben L.	OA Representative

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.*

PATROL REPORTS

ASPL: On this last camp out, we went to a new location called Beaver Valley. It is a LONG hike, but in my opinion, it is well worth it. We went sledding, again, did A LOT of hiking, and other various, less fun activities. The best part of it for me was the sled racing (HA! I BEAT YOU HALDEMAN!). Changing track, the next merit badges we are going to take are; Law, Medicine, and First Aid. Wishing you all good luck, and signing off. Submitted by, Andrew B.

Minnesota Gopher Hockey Patrol: Hi, it's Jake, and the campout was awesome. The hike there was long but it was good. I was tired and sore from it though, and it was icy. The cabin was cool with the sleeping area upstairs and the furnace was hot and warm. Sledding was a blast, it was dangerous so we had to be careful. It was cold and some of the guys were unprepared for it. Bring layers for the next trip.

Rex-Offenders: My patrol consists of Caleb Bu., Jonas Bu., Ben L., Matt S., and Ignatius B.. We chose to be the Rex-Offenders Patrol. On the weekend of the thirteenth, most of my patrol (everyone except Matt) went on the dog sledding camp out. It was a lot of fun and I recommend that everybody goes on that camp out next year. Our patrol activity is scheduled for Saturday. I hope that my whole patrol can make it! By Caleb

The Face: Our patrol Patrol Activity was on Monday January 16th. We had a Pool and Pizza Party. Fun for everyone that joined us. Submitted by: Tayler Mauzer

Hello, my name is Daurius, and I am the patrol leader for the **Obscure Movie Reference patrol**. We have six members: Ryan, Josh, Ben P, Charles P, Zack, and me, Daurius. The idea for our patrol came from the fact that we actually wanted an obscure movie reference as a name. Since we decided against that, one of our members put out the idea to name our very patrol "the obscure movie reference patrol", and it stuck. So now if you look at our banner, you can see very well that we have various movie references and quotes from movies on it. Still, we constantly try and update our flag quotes whenever possible, to make it as interesting as it can possibly be. Sincerely, Daurius

Patrol activity over holiday weekend rescheduled due to patrol members busy schedule. By Fernando K.

Scout Meetings of the 2011-2012 - will be Monday's in the St Pascal's school cafeteria.

VENTURE CREW 294 NEWS

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for *young men and women*, 14 (or 13 & have completed 8th grade) through 20 years old. We have fun, gain leadership experience and do interesting stuff.

Upcoming Venturing Activities:

*Tuesday, January 24th from 5-8 pm: Tour the History Center Museum

*Friday, February 3rd from 7-8:30 pm: Venture Crew Meeting

*Friday, February 10th: Fundraiser Carnival for a friend of Alison's with cancer. (5-7 pm or 7-9 pm)

Woodland Hills Church off Larpentuer by the Plaza Theatre

*Friday, Feb. 17th – Saturday, Feb. 18th: Buck Hill Skiing (joining the Mounds Park Youth – not going as a Venturing Crew)

*Sunday, February 26th: Scout Sunday at Mounds Park UMC during 10:30 am service

Venturing High Adventure:

*July, 2012: 5 day Camping trip to Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota (it is like the Badlands)

*July 19- August 4 or 5, 2013: Philmont Backpacking (need **\$100 deposit to reserve a spot** – checks made out to Venture Crew 294)

Please check out these websites for Venturing Crew News:

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/crew294/news>

Facebook group:

Google Calendar:

Please e-mail Amy Bu. at amyjsbuck@gmail.com, if you are interested in the Venturing Crew.

TROOP 294 WEBSITE

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.