

# The Red Lantern

## Troop 294's Newsletter

March 2011

To: The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families

Date: March 7, 2011

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### Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

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| March 7           | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges<br>Order of the Arrow Elections |
| March 11-April 15 | Fridays                | Men's Club Fish Fry starts – come participate or Volunteer                  |
| March 14          | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges                                 |
| March 18-20       | <b>meet at 7:00 pm</b> | Campout at Phillippo/Ramsey   |
| March 21          | 7 - 8:30 pm            | NO SCOUT MEETING  |
| March 26          | 8:00 am                | District Super Training Day for adults – info below                         |
| March 26          | 8:00 am                | Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner – info below                           |
| March 28          | 6:00 – 6:50            | Committee meeting in cafeteria  |
| March 28          | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges                                 |
| April 2           | 8 am - 4:30 pm         | Trainer's EDGE – See Below  |
| April 4           | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges                                 |
| April 7           | 7-8:30                 | Adult Leader and OA Roundtable – Church of Jesus Christ LDS                 |
| April 11          | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's – New merit badges                             |
| April 15-17       | meet at 6:00 pm        | Campout at Rum River/Thurston Lodge   |
| April 18          | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement              |
| April 25          | <b>6:30 - 8:30 pm</b>  | Scouting for Food – Pass out fliers   |
| April 30          | meet at 10am           | Scouting for Food – Pick-up food  |
| May 2             | 7 - 8:30 pm            | Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement              |
| May 5             | 7-8:30                 | Adult Leader and OA Roundtable – Church of Jesus Christ LDS                 |
| May 21-22         | <b>campout</b>         | May campout <b>add to your calendar</b>                                     |
| May 21            | 10a.m-2pm              | WaterFest – 2011 (if not camping consider this) – See Below                 |
| June 3-5          | <b>campout</b>         | Campout at Camp Ripley Rendezvous <b>add to your calendar</b>               |

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

[Check out Venture Crew Information](#)

### TROOP 294 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Tristen L.  | Senior Patrol Leader        |
| Andrew H.   | Assistance Sr Patrol Leader |
| Ignatius B. | Quartermaster               |
| Luke M.     | Historian                   |
| Jonas R.    | Scribe                      |
| Desmond B.  | Patrol leader               |
| Ryan J.     | Patrol leader               |
| Charles H.  | Patrol leader               |

Den Chiefs:

Caleb Bu.: Pack 217 Bears Den Chief

Jonas Bu.: Pack 217 Wolves Den Chief

## PATROL & OA UPDATES

### **LAST REPORTS:**

**The Lethal Rebellion:** This is Ben L. for the Lethal Rebellion last report. 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.

**Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:** Last report. I didn't go on the last month's campout but I did go to SnoBase. I had a GREAT time and learned I love cross country skiing & snowshoe's. I enjoyed making a Quinzhee hut. It was a harder campout but had a great time. I know some of the scouts loved the 15 ft. slide that landed on a bumpy hill. It was fun watching them even my mom. From Tristen L.

**Gangster Bob** - Our patrol had a good time at the last campout at Fred C. A.. We finished our First Aid requirements, went sledding, played King of the Hill, had snowball fights and had some stick fights. We recently started our Citizenship in the Community and Computers' merit badges. We are looking forward to going to Grand Slam as our patrol activity. Submitted by Luke M.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Troop 294 Merit Badges** – Everyone should be working on Citizenship in the Community and Computers. Please remember to check e-mail periodically because some of the merit badge counselors are sending updates as the badge progresses.

**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!

**St. Pascal Men's Club Fish Fry Fridays** – The Fish Fry Fridays are March 11 though April 15th. Everyone come and support the St Pascal's Men's club. **The March campout will have a 7 p.m. departure to allow all scouts to volunteer and still go camping!** The St. Pascal Men's Club provides monetary support for our troop's activities.

**Super Training Day**-On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:mdegel@nsbsa.org). or go to [Training](#)

**Scouting for Food is April 25 and 30th** – We need youth, their families and friends to come and help collect food for local food shelters. On Monday April 25 we will meet at St. Pascal's at 6:30 p.m. and walk the surrounding neighborhood passing out donation bags at each house. The morning of Saturday, April 30 we will meet back at St. Pascal's at 10 a.m. to retrace our steps picking up the bags of food people have left on their doorsteps to donate. Becky Mangan is coordinating this event. She needs adults to drive both days and youth to be the legs of the operation. Please let her know if you can help. Please sign up at the scout meetings or contact Becky M.

**WaterFest – Lake Phalen 10-2** – Lake Phalen Park Pavilion many activities are there including Geocaching, 5k Walk/Run, Voyageur canoe rides, fishing lessons, Solar Boat Regatta & much more. Sponsored by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. For more information visit [www.rwmwd.org](http://www.rwmwd.org)

**University of Scouting** – April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeville South High School from 8:00-4:30 p.m. Details are on the website [www.nsbsa.org](http://www.nsbsa.org). This is for adult leaders that provide an opportunity to choose from over 125 course offerings in 6 colleges.

**Trainers EDGE** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> for all scouts & Scouters with responsibility for training others. This is one component of the Northern Star Council Trainer Endorsement program

**Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner** – March 26 at Base Camp. Join the Northern Star Council to recognize and thank volunteers and celebrate individuals and districts. The evening will honor the Silver Beavers and Centennial Quality Districts. Register by March 16 at \$27/person. Register after March 16 it will be \$35/person. Register at the scout office.

### **eMail Group Status Update**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 our new Troop294 eMail group was available for use and already it is being used to broadcast eMails to the rest of the troop's families and/or scouts – WoW!

To add another eMail address or to remove your existing eMail address from the group please use the *Request Form* located on the troop's website ([www.troop294.net](http://www.troop294.net), mouse over "Information" and click "eMail Group Address" and follow the instructions). You only need to do this once for each email address you have.

Once your eMail address has been verified you will be able to:-

- Receive eMails from other troop families and/or scouts about important announcements
- Send eMails to other troop families and/or scouts informing them of events
- Remove your eMail address from the Troop's eMail Group - You will not be able to send or receive eMails using the Troop's email group
- Add additional eMail addresses - A great way to stay promptly informed!

**How to use** - Simply use the troop294 eMail group as you would if you were sending an eMail to anyone else. That is, you type the Troop eMail group in the TO/send or CC/copy sections in your eMail program.

**Replying** - When you receive an eMail, don't forget that you can either reply back to the entire troop or just the person sending it. You decide.

**Junk Mail** - The troop has adopted Google Groups as the eMail broker for the troop. Note: There is a chance that your eMail provider might misinterpret the eMail sent from googlegroups as either "spam" or "junk mail" and either drop it in the junk box or delete the message. In these circumstances it is recommended that you add the group eMail (troop294@googlegroups.com) to your Safe Mailing Lists and/or Safe Senders areas in your eMail account. That way you can be assured of receiving news and events from other Scout families.

We now have over 70+ email addresses associated with the group! By using the group you will be able to receive eMails from other troop families about important announcements and Send eMails to other troop families informing them of events. -Webmaster.

## **CAMPOUTS**

**We need a couple of adults to come along on our campouts and enjoy the adventure!!**

**Add 2 campouts to your calendar** – We will have a May Campout and a June campout May. May campout is at St. Croix State Park. This will be tent camping. We will supply the tents. St Croix State Park is 100 miles from the twin cities, about 1.5 hours of drive time. If you want to know more about the park, go to the DNR website. [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us). June campout is Ripley Rendezvous see flier at the end of this Red Lantern. Many of you have told Rita S. that you were interested in this campout, but Rita need you to let her know if you wan to go there will not be a refund once reservations are made. Please contact Rita S.

**March campout** - March 18-20 at Phillippo Scout Reservation at Ramsey Shelter. The departure time will be changed to 7 p.m. to allow for the Fish Fry.

**April Campout** – April 15-17 Campout at Rum River/Thurston Lodge. Meet at St. Pascal's at 6pm

## 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:

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.

Please check out these websites also for Venture Crew News

Facebook group: [Facebook](#)

Google Calendar: [Calendar](#)

### 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](mailto:webmaster@troop294.net).

**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 2nd wk every two months, although this can vary a bit. Tina's email address: [lorsung@umn.edu](mailto:lorsung@umn.edu) and Mark's email address: [webmaster@troop294.net](mailto:webmaster@troop294.net).



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### HEY, SCOUTS, VENTURERS, & ADULT LEADERS!

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Join the over 10,000 Scouts, Venturers, & Leaders who'll be 'Rippin' It Up' June 3-5 at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, MN!

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