The Red Lantern

Troop 294's Newsletter
November 2011

To:	The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families
Date:	November 7, 2011
Group e-mail:	troop294@googlegroups.com
Calendar:	http://www.troop294.net/calendar/calendar.html
Website:	http://www.troop294.net

Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

November 28	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 2.2 & rank advancement Leadership elections will be held 11/14/11
December 2-4	**Campout**	Stearns Scout Camp. Depart Target Parking Lot at 6:00.
November 28	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 2.3 & rank advancement Leadership elections will be held 11/14/11
December 4		Sell Wreaths at mass
December 5	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 2.4 & rank advancement First night with new scout leaders
December 11		Sell Wreaths at mass
December 11	Noon – 3:00pm	Peace Light from Bethlehem, Bethlehim Lutheran Church (See Below)
December 12	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges 2.5 & rank advancement 20112 Boy Scouts Dues Payment
December 19	7 - 8:30 pm	Christmas Party
December 26	7 - 8:30 pm	NO SCOUT MEETING – HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON
January 2	7 - 8:30 pm	NO SCOUT MEETING – School closed
January 3	7 - 8:30 pm	Winter Court of Honors Scouts sign up for Merit Badge Session 3 Scouts sign up for 1/13/12 Campout Patrol Leaders announce 1/16/12 Patrol Activities
January (TBD)	9:00 am	Tentative NewYouth Leadership Training; Details TBD (SUNDAY)
January 13-15	**Campout**	Beavercreek. Depart Target Parking Lot at 6:00.
January 16	7 - 8:30 pm	NO SCOUT MEETING – Patrol Activities
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your times you signed up for Gander Mountain Wrapping. Please call/email Desiree S. if you would still like to wrap presents.

PATROL REPORTS

Ryan J. – the Tetness Troopers – They went bowling after Charles Eagle Project and had a great time. They also had a Call of duty Tournament and had twice as much fun.

Peace Light from Bethlehem – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 490 4th St. North; Bayport, MN, 55003
For over a thousand years lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the nativity in Bethlehem Israel. For the last 22 years a child from Upper Austria has lit two blast proof miner's lams from the grotto lamp and then carried on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv to Vienna Austria where the Peace Light is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across Europe who take it back, with a message of Peace to their own countries. Since 2004, Austrian Airlines has flown the miner's lamps containing the Peace light to New York City. Scout leaders light their lanterns from the miner's lamps in new York and spread out across the U.S. and Canada to share. This is your opportunity to take the Peace light home with you. Bring an oil lamp or enclosed candle to the church and we will share the Peace Light with you. More Information available at peacelight.org

Peter M.'s Eagle project – follow-up.
I'd thought I would share the following letter I received from The Program Director, West Side Community Healthcare several days after I delivered all of the donated items collected as part of my Eagle project.

"West Side's Health Care for the Homeless program is so impressed with the outstanding success you had in collecting hygiene products for the people we serve. We had no idea that your efforts would result in such a generous outpouring. A bonus for us when you delivered the packages was that we enjoyed hearing stories about your project adventures so that we can better appreciate the efforts you put into this…."

The program director goes on to say, "You can be very proud that your collection of personal hygiene supplies and the cash donations totaled $2,083! That is fantastic. These items will support the health services we provide for so many homeless men, women and children. Thank you for selecting West Side's Health Care for the Homeless program to be the beneficiary of your Eagle Scout project. Best wishes as your application for the rank of Eagle Scout continue."

For those that helped in my Eagle project, it looks like our efforts were very much appreciated!

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

TROOP 294 YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Tristen L.	Senior Patrol Leader
Andrew H.	Assistant Sr. Patrol Leader
Ignatius B.	Quartermaster
Luke M.	Historian
Jonah R.	Scribe
Desmond B.	Patrol leader
Ryan J.	Patrol leader
Charles H.	Patrol leader
Andy M.	Troop Guide

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.

Please check out these websites also for Venture Crew News

Facebook group: Venture Crew Facebook

Google Calendar: Venture Crew Calendar

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

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.