The Red Lantern

Troop 294's Newsletter

December 2010

To: The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families
Date: *December 06, 2010*
Web Page: ***http://www.troop294.net***

Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

Dec 06	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement
Dec 06	6 - 6:50 pm	Troop Committee Meeting – St. Pascal's Cafeteria
Dec 6-24	various	Gift wrapping Gander Mountain thru 12/24 - **Volunteers needed**
Dec 12	8:30 -11 am	Wreath Sales after mass
Dec 13	6 - 8 pm	Scout Holiday Party & Potluck – Maplewood Community center
Dec 20		No Scout Meeting
Dec 27		No Scout Meeting
Jan 3	7 - 8:00 pm	Winter Court of Honor at St Pascal's - **bring the family**
Jan 06	7-8:30	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable – Church of Jesus Christ LDS
Jan 08	all day	Merit Badge Days – More info. Coming
Jan 10	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement
Jan 14-16	meet at 6 pm	Campout at Phillippo/Le Seur - **Volunteers needed**
Jan 17		No Scout Meeting – St. Pascals is closed
Jan 24	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement
Jan 31	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement
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
Feb 11-13		Snowbase – details of meeting times TBD
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 - **Volunteers needed**
Feb 21	7 - 8:30 pm	Patrol Activity
Feb 24	TBD	Cub Scout Blue & Gold
Feb 28	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's - merit badges & rank advancement New Merit Badges Begin

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

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 Physical Fitness, Signaling or Pets.

Pets Merit Badge - Those Boys who have been working on the merit badge should bring their caged or leased pet to the gym by 6:15 pm on Monday night. We will begin the pet show at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend. It should run about 1/2 hour and then the regular boy scout meeting will begin. This is the last requirement for the badge.

Those boys involved have been preparing and research for over a month. They will introduce their pet; tell its type, name, age, gender and care about pet. I will ask a few simple questions and pass out ribbons at the end. Thanks and call me with questions. Carolyn H.

Scout Holiday Party & Potluck – 6-8 pm at the Maplewood Community Center located at 2100 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood. Approx. 2 miles north of St. Pascal's. Cost is $1/scout & $2/per family member. Please RSVP on Dec. 6th meeting. Bring your swim suit and towel. A donation of large men's white socks for Listening House or a can good for the food shelf if possible. Questions please contact Anne R or Sharon M.:

Pot Luck Items
A-J Main Entrée
K-L Salad, hot or cold side dish, fruit or vegetable arrangement
M-Z Hot or cold appetizer, munchies & dip or 2 munchies.

Gander Mountain Gift Wrapping – Gift Wrappers are still needed. There are still LOTS of times to SIGN UP for shifts wrapping at Gander MT! If you are interested, Contact Desiree S

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. ~ Mark Twain
Thank you, thank you and thank you again! Mike and Ellen Aeling would like to thank the troop and all the volunteers for the "retirement of the scoutmaster jersey" party on November 14th. Thank you for all the gift cards, we have already started using them. It was very kind and generous of all you to put on such a great celebration! Ellen Aeling

Merit Badge Days- Mark your calendar for January 8th at First Presbyterian. More info upcoming.

PATROL & OA UPDATES

ASPL: The troop has been busy working on three merit badges. I'm currently in Signaling and have been practicing my morse code. I am excited to go camping this weekend at Fred C. A.. The patrol I'm in went bowling and it was a BLAST. Submitted by Tristen L.

Order of the Arrow Representative: No report submitted.

Pralien Patrol: For the Pralien patrol activity, we went to the Grand Slam in Burnsville on the twenty second of November. We each got four arcade tokens, one batting cage token, unlimited bumper cars and laser tag, and some soda and pizza. The attendees were Joseph M., Andrew H., Peter M., Eliot W., and Sal R.. Submitted by Eliot W.

Empire Patrol: Had a get together at Matt S.'s house. There were video games, ping pong and snacks.

Gangster Bob the Builder on a Pony Patrol: No report submitted.

The Lethal Rebellion: This is Ben L. six people in our patrol are taking the Signaling badge, 2 are taking Pets, and 1 is taking Personal Fitness. I'm taking Signaling. I just want to say ditdit dit-dah dah-dah dit-dit dit-dah

dah-dah dit-dah dit-dah dah-dah-dah dah-dah-dah dit-dah-dit-dit (I'm so cool <->. Our patrol activity was bowling at Pinz. Thanks Ben

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

CAMPOUTS

January Campout – is the weekend of the 14th-16th at Phillippo at the Le Seur Cabin. **Adults are needed for camping and driving.**

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.

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: Please call or email Amy Bu if you are interested in the venture crew.

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.