

The Red Lantern

Troop 294's Newsletter

APRIL 2007

To: The Boy Scouts of Troop 294 and their Families
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Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

Apr. 28	10 am – 12 noon	Scouting for Food Pick-up, <i>Drivers needed</i>
Apr. 30	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting, Merit Badge Session 5-4
May 1	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Venture Crew Meeting, Meet at Baker's Square
May 3		District Dinner
May 6	4 pm	Eagle Scout Court of Honor – Three New Eagle' Rank Scouts
May 7	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting, Merit Badge 5-5, PLC
May 10	7 – 9 pm	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable
May 12	After 7 pm	Venture Crew 294 Miniature Golfing – look for more information
May 14	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting, <u>Meeting at Aeling's</u> - Summer Camp Merit Badge Sign-up, Boards of Review,
May 18-20	meet at 6 pm	Webelos Woods Campout at Fred C Anderson - <i>Scouts in Pioneering Merit Badge 5 <u>must attend this campout.</u></i>
May 21	6 – 8 pm	Spring Court of Honor and Annual Pot-luck Dinner - Help needed
June 1-3	all weekend	Ripley Rendezvous
June 5	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Venture Crew Meeting, Bakers Square
Jun 30 – July 7		Summer Camp at Tomahawk Scout Reservation
At Tomahawk		Troop elections
July 8	1:00 pm	Clean Tents and Equipment
Aug 1 - 5		Troop 294 Summer High Adventure Trip, Cave Exploring
Aug 19	4 – 7 pm	Youth Leadership Training at Aeling's – Required for scouts elected to leadership positions at Summer Camp
Aug 19	7 – 8 pm	Youth Annual Planning Meeting at Aeling's
Aug 26	5 – 8 pm	Adult Annual Planning Dinner at Aeling's
Sept 10	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting, <u>Welcome Back</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scouting for Food: The annual Scouting for Food drive food bag pick-up is **Saturday April 28**. We need scouts and their families and friends to come and help collect food for local food shelters. Please meet in the St. Pascal parking lot at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine...dress for the weather! You will be given your block assignment which should take approximately one hour. Adult drivers needed.

Troop 294 Summer High Adventure Trip – Cave Exploring at Maquoketa Caves August 1-5. Sign up and a \$25 deposit is due ASAP This will be an adventure to the Maquoketa caves in Iowa with limestone formations and rugged bluffs. Caves vary from the 1,100' Dancehall Cave with walkways and lighting system to very snug Dugout Cave. Some caves can be explored by walking while others can best be seen by crawling. The park contains more caves than any other state park in Iowa. A trail system links the caves, formations, and overlooks providing an exciting hiking experience. Highlights include the "Natural

Bridge" which stands nearly 50 feet above Raccoon Creek, and the 17-ton "Balanced Rock". C. Evans will be leading this trip. We need more adults to come.

Troop 294 Recognizes three new Eagle Scouts at a joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor: Scouts and families of Troop 294 please join us to recognize the achievements of Joe L, Matt R and Dominic R on Sunday May 6 at 4 p.m. in St. Pascal's Auditorium. A reception including a light dinner and cake will follow the ceremony. Please RSVP to Jim or Cindy R by Monday, April 30th

Scout Meeting – May 14 at the Aeling's: This meeting will be a busy one with Boards of Review in preparation for Spring Court of Honor and Summer Camp Merit Badge Sign-up.

Spring Court of Honor: The Spring Court of Honor and Annual Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Monday May 21. We need an adult or two to coordinate the pot luck selections, set up the serving tables, prepare refreshments and oversee clean-up. Please see Ellen if you are interested.

The Aeling's are moving – The Aeling will be moving from their house on Darlene Street to Oakdale, So things may get a bit crazy. We will be moving sometime in early June and preparing our house on Darlene Street for sale. So if you know of anyone that would like to buy a large lovely house in the Battle Creek area, let us know soon before we hire a realtor. First, we purposely bought a house in the area because we want to stay involved with St Pascal's and its scouting program. Second, In June we may be at one house or we may be at the other so before you come over to our house, please give us a call on our cell and find out where we are.

TROOP 294 PATROL NEWS

LEADERSHIP:

Andrew Sr	Senior Patrol Leader
Ian B	Asst Senior Patrol Leader
Gideon K	Historian
Sue M	Scribe
Peter M	Quartermaster
Miles D	Patrol Leader
Chris G	Patrol Leader
Spencer P	Patrol Leader
Adam S	Patrol Leader
Nick P	OA Representative

REPORTS:

Troop 294 ASPL Report – Our troop helped out at all the fish fries. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Men's Club really appreciates our involvement – Ian B, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Miles of Smiles Patrol: Members: Ian B, Miles D, Stephen K, Gideon K, Daniel M, Peter M, Joseph M, Sue M, Nick P, Charles P, Sal R. **Patrol Report:** – Miles D, Patrol Leader.

Coalition of Gears Patrol: Members: Tyler E, Chris G, Andrew S, Eddie S, Jim S. **Patrol Report:** Our patrol went camping last Friday. It was a great weekend. We went to Fred C Anderson. We climbed and ate and hung out. – Andrew S for Chris G, Patrol Leader.

The Patrol Patrol: Members: Ian B, Ian D, John H, Andrew H, Spencer P, Dominic R. **Patrol Report:** No report received – Spencer P, Patrol Leader.

Golden Vampire Patrol: Members: Ignatius B, Caleb B, Ryan J, Andy M, Calvin R, Adam S, Austin W. **Patrol Report:** No report received – Adam S, Patrol Leader.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, Its purpose: To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

O.A. Report: No report received - Nick P, O.A. Representative.

CAMPING

May Campout is Webelos Woods May 18-20 at Fred C. Anderson Scout Reservation. You just gotta come - it will be more fun than a barrel of monkeys. We plan to build the monkey bridge (a rope bridge) and show it off to all the Webelos in Gateway district!! We will be helping out with teaching the Webelos in the Gateway District. The cost will be \$10. *Scouts in the Pioneering Merit Badge during Session 5 must plan on attending this campout.*

Area-Wide Camporee: Ripley Rendezvous, June 1-3. Registration was Monday March 5. If you did not sign up and would like to attend, see Mike for the possibility of any late registrations.

Summer Camp is scheduled for June 30-July 7 at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. Adults are needed to attend to help as cooks, guides, merit badge record keepers and drivers to and from camp. Please help with the planning now – let us know your plans and how you can help!

Summer High Adventure - see page 1 of this Red Lantern

MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Session 5 - Session 5 began April 2 with *Pioneering* led by Mike M. Scouts taking Pioneering must plan on attending the May 18-20 Campout. The second offering will be *Space Exploration* led by Dave B

Scouts in the Pioneering Merit Badge during Session 5 will be finishing up requirements for this merit badge at the May campout on May 18-20. Scouts - plan on attending this campout if you sign up for this merit badge.

The **Spring Court of Honor** will be **May 21**. ***Work hard to get your leadership and badge requirements completed to have your Board of Review for Rank Advancement by May 14.*** Contact the leader of your Merit Badge Session if you need advice or help in meeting your requirements.

Thank you to all these leaders for making this year's **Merit Badge Sessions** happen!

Home Repair	Dave B and John H
Cycling	Dave B and Alan H
Space Exploration	Dave B and Ellen A
Engineering	Paul M
Citizenship in the Nation	Bill D
Family Life/Citizenship in the World	Jim R

Pioneering/Metal Working
Snow Sports
First Aid

Mike M
Terrill K
Jim C

And now is the time to **start thinking about what sessions you want to have next year!** What do you need for rank advancement? What are you interested in exploring and learning? Think about it over the summer, talk about it with your fellow scouts at Summer Camp and attend the **Youth Planning Meeting at the Aeling's in late August – watch for the date!** Check the Scout Handbook for MB requirements for advancement to Eagle Scout or go to www.meritbadge.com for more info on specific merit badges and requirements.

VENTURE CREW 294 NEWS

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women, 14 years old (and have completed eighth grade) through 20 years old. Join us for a good time. **Crew meetings** are held once a month, often at Baker's Square. Service opportunities and activities are also planned in conjunction with Troop 294.

Youth Leaders - Alex W and John H. Crew Advisor: Ellen A. More adult leaders needed.

Check out the calendar for all the upcoming activities: Scouting for Food and the Ripley Rendezvous.

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TROOP 294 WEB PAGE: Everyone can keep up-to-date on Troop 294 by visiting our troop website at <http://www.troop294.net>
- The yearly calendar, the latest Red Lantern, pictures of recent activities and other helpful information and links can be found.
Check it out! **See if your picture is on the web!**