

The Red Lantern

September 2007

Boy Scout Troop 294

Sponsored by the St. Pascal Men's Club

<http://www.troop294.net>

Upcoming Troop 294 Calendar

Sept 11	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Venture Crew Planning Meeting at the Aeling's House
Sept 15	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Andrew H Eagle Project, more info at meeting
Sept 17	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's
Sept 22	9 am – 11 am	Set up for Fall Festival – youth needed to help
Sept 23	noon – 5 pm	St Pascal's Fall Festival – youth needed to help run games
Sept 24	7 - 8:30 pm	Fall Court of Honor at St. Pascal's
Sept 28-30	meet at 6 pm	Order of the Arrow Fall Conclave
Sept 29		Popcorn Sales start
Oct 2	TBA	Venture Crew meets at Bakers Square
Oct 5-7	meet at 6 pm	Fall Camporee at Lake Elmo Park Reserve
Oct 6	4:30 pm	Sell Popcorn after mass
Oct 7	9:00 am – 12 Noon	Sell Popcorn after masses
Oct 8	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's
Oct 12	6:15 to 11:30 pm	Venture Crew Haunted Boat Cruise
Oct 15	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's
Oct 22	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's
Oct 28		Popcorn Sales end
Oct 29	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Pascal's Fall Festival and Spaghetti Dinner is Sept. 23 from Noon to 5 pm. Come join the fun and support St. Pascals. Volunteers are needed! It is great fun running the games. Please sign up at the scout meetings or call Ellen Aeling (738-9095). **Fall Festival set up on Saturday September 23** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lots and lots of things need to be set up!

Adult Volunteers Needed to help make this year a success for Troop 294! Volunteers are needed to organize, supervise, and coordinate the events which make Troop 294 special for your youth. Openings include **Assistant Scoutmaster, campout chaperones, camping food coordinator, after meeting gym-time supervisors, merit badge counselors** and more. **A chart of volunteer opportunities for the year is attached.** Please check it out and give Mike and Ellen (738-9095) a call with how you can help. Its fun to be with the scouts and see them in action!

Andrew H Eagle Project: Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. See flyer for details. Call Andrew for more information or to sign up to help!

Troop 294 Fall Court of Honor: 7:00 pm. September 24 at St. Pascals. Scout achievements in merit badges and rank advancement since spring will be recognized.

TROOP 294 PATROL NEWS

Parent Note regarding Troop 294 Patrol Leadership 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. Sit down and discuss these commitments. Encourage and support them in finishing their leadership duties. But remember, it is their responsibility to complete their contract.

LEADERSHIP:

Senior Patrol Leader	Ian Ba
Asst Senior Patrol Leader	Spencer P
Historian	Joseph M
Scribe	Sal R
Quartermaster	Noah R
Patrol Leader	Charles P
Patrol Leader	Danny M
Patrol Leader	Ed S
Patrol Leader	Ignatius B
OA Representative	Tyler E

Patrols will be formed at the first meeting. One of the main responsibilities for a Patrol Leader during his leadership is to organize a patrol activity that happens outside of the regular meeting schedule. This can vary from a group movie to an outdoor activity, but must be held before his leadership term ends. Start planning now!

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, Its purpose is to:

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.

Order of the Arrow (OA) Fall Conclave – Congratulations to the scouts called out (nominated) to the Order of the Arrow at summer camp. All OA members are invited to convene the Fall Conclave on September 28-30. Fellowship and service begins Friday at 6:00 pm with registration and continues cheerfully until Sunday morning. Chapter Adviser Michelle promises fellowship and service for any & all. All ordeal candidates called out at summer camp and members of OA should have received information about the conclave in the mail.

CAMPING

October Campout - The Fall Camporee October 5-7. Save this date! We will be camping at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. This will be a weekend filled with biking, archery and orienteering. The whole family is invited. This will be a fun weekend - come along! Questions please call Ellen Aeling at (651) 738-9095

ACTIVITIES

FALL POPCORN SALES: The Popcorn Sale begins Sept. 29 - Selling popcorn to your friends, family and neighbors is one way for Scouts to earn camp credit to help pay for summer camp and

other activities. This fund-raiser is used solely for youth activities; with each sale, the scout earns about 1/3 (credited to the youth's camping account). Scouts may begin taking orders Sept. 29 and final orders are due October 28. Scouts may also sign up to sell after masses at St. Pascals on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7, with sign up sheets available Sept. 24 at the Court of Honor. Scouts may also check-out popcorn using the "show and deliver option." More information will be presented at the Fall Court of Honor. Kathy and Alan are Sale Coordinators this year; please feel free to call with questions.

MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Sessions will begin October 1. The youth again have requested merit badges that they would like for this year. Now we need Merit Badge Counselors! The list of the merit badges requested on at the end of the Red Lantern. If you can help by leading a merit badge session, please see Mike about schedules and requirements.

Merit Badges are a fun way for youth to learn and grow confident in many areas. Merit Badges are required for advancement and specific badges are required for advancement to Eagle. Check the Scout Handbook for MB requirements for Eagle Scout or go to www.meritbadge.com for more info on specific merit badges.

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. Join us for a good time.

Check the calendar on the front page for meeting times and locations. Often the crew meets at Baker's Square for pie and fun. Regular monthly social, active and service outings are planned. Join us - bring a friend!

Adult Advisor: Ellen Aeling, (651) 738-9095.

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

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Requested Merit Badge List 2007 – 2008

Personal Fitness – Terry K & _____
Personal Management – Ellen Aeling
Emergency Preparedness – David Ba
Camping
Citizenship in the Community – Jim R
Pottery
Electricity – Terry K
Auto Mechanics
Salesmanship
Chemistry
Law
Nuclear Science
Railroading
American Business
Gardening
Entrepreneurship
Reading
Music – Terry K
Computers – Alan H
Plumbing – Terry K
Cinematography
Journalism

Session 1 – October

Session 2 – November - December

Session 3 – January - February

Session 4 – February - March

Session 5 – March - April - May