

The Red Lantern

November 2007

Boy Scout Troop 294

Sponsored by the St. Pascal Men's Club

<http://www.troop294.net>

UPCOMING TROOP CALENDAR

Oct 28		Popcorn Sales end
Oct 29	7 - 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St Pascal's, MB 1-5
Nov 2-4	meet at 6 pm	Campout at Phillippo Scout Reservation, LeSeur Shelter
Nov 5	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St. Pascal's, MB Session 2 begins
Nov 5	at meeting	Turn in preliminary wreath orders to Mike Aeling
Nov 6	7:30 – 8:30	Venture Crew meets at Bakers Square
Nov 8	7 – 9 pm	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable
Nov 9-10	10 pm – 5 am	OA Fall Fellowship – Talk to Tyler E
Nov 12	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St. Pascal's, MB 2-2, Red Lantern Articles due, Florida Sea Base Pmt. # 3 due
Nov 17	9:00 am	Unload Christmas Trees for St. Pascal's Men's Club
Nov 18	after masses	Pack 294 Pancake Breakfast at St. Pascal's after masses
Nov 19	7:30 – 8:30	Patrol Activities to be set up by the patrol leaders
Nov 23	12 Noon – 3 pm	Set up Tree Lot for St. Pascal's Men's Club @ St. Pascals
Nov 23-Dec 24 sign-up		Gander Mtn. Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser begins, various dates throughout November – December, see sign-up schedule
Nov 26	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St. Pascal's, MB 2-3, Red Lantern Articles due
Dec 2	9:00 – 12 Noon	Christmas Wreath Sales at St. Pascal's after Masses, sign-up
Dec 3	7 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St. Pascal's, MB 2-4
Dec 4	7:30 – 8:30	Venture Crew Meeting, Toys for Tots collection
Dec 7-9	meet at 6 pm	Campout at Fred C. Anderson, Shelter #3
Dec 9	9:00 – 12 Noon	Christmas Wreath Sales at St. Pascal's after Masses, sign-up
Dec 10	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Scout Meeting at St. Pascal's, MB 2-5, 2008 Registration Fee Due
Dec 13	7 – 9 pm	Adult Leader and OA Roundtable
Dec 17	tba	Scout Troop 294 Christmas Party
Jan 4-6	meet at 6 pm	Campout, Phillippo Scout Reservation, and Snelling Shelter
Jan 7	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Winter Court of Honor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-mail addresses – Please check the troop email list and make sure we have your addresses right. If you want to change, update, or add an e-mail address please make changes to list.

St. Pascal Men's Club Tree Lot Set-Up - Plan now to help out the Men's Club, our sponsoring organization, to unload trees and set up the for their annual tree-sale fundraiser. Scouts and Adults are needed to help: Nov. 17 @ 9:00 a.m. "strong-armed" scouts and adults for unloading; Nov. 23 @ 12 Noon "every willing body" for set-up.

2008 Registration: Registration fees will be collected December 10th at the scout meeting. Fees this year are \$20 per scout. Scouts that request Boys Life Magazine will receive it at no additional cost. This magazine has articles about scouting that apply to all age groups and has been shown to help keep boys interested in scouting. Please remember to bring your \$20 registration fee this day.

Eagle Projects: Two Troop 294 Scouts, Andrew H and John H, completed their Eagle Projects recently. Both projects were successful due to the help of Troop 294 Scouts and families. Thanks to all who could participate.

TROOP 294 PATROL NEWS

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

REPORTS:

Jacksons: No report received. Members: Ian Ba, Ian Bu, Peter M, Joseph M, Nick P, Sal R, Ian D, John H, Andrew H and Zach S - Charles P, Patrol Leader.

Tator Tot Patrol: For our Patrol activity we had a movie night. I called my patrol and all my friends. It turned in to a big party and we watched the Astronaut Farmer and played Guitar Hero 1&2. Members: Caleb Bu, Ryan J, Andy M, Calvin R, Adam S, and Austin W - Ignatius B, Patrol Leader.

Red Balloon Patrol: Over the weekend the Red Balloon patrol had our patrol activity. We went to the Afton Apple orchard and had some fun in the corn maze. Just a few showed up but we had a ton of **fun**. Members: Spencer P, Andrew S, Noah M-R, Stephen K, Matt P, Gideon K, Jimmy S, Eddie S and Tyler E - Patrol; Danny M, Patrol Leader.

ASPL Report: - This month our troop went to the Fall Camporee at Lake Elmo. Some of the popular activities were archery, biking and climbing trees. The two merit badges that are going on right now are Salesmanship taught by Ricki M and includes Dan M, Andrew H, Gideon K and I. Computer skills are being taught by Alan H and includes Tyler E, Jim S, Ed S, Joseph M, Charles P, Sal R, Peter M, Ian Bu and Ian D, Stephen K, and Andrew S. The wreath and popcorn sales are currently going and support from outside the troop would be graciously appreciated. Spencer P –ASPL

November 19th Patrol Activities to be set up by the patrol leaders – Patrol leaders remember you need to set up an activity for November 19th. This activity need to be approved, publicized and carried out.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

OA Leader Report: Hello everyone, this is Tyler, and guess what? Yep, it's a blast from the past! This year's Fall Fellowship is going to be fun overnighter held at the Maplewood Community Center. It is Friday November 9th starting at 10 pm and runs all night until 5 am Saturday, November 10th. It'll be very fun and you will get to do the following: Basketball, Swimming, and Games of your own that you bring, and there will be much more. Also there will be FOOD, so come hungry and leave happy. If you are registered in the OA you will get information in the mail. Tyler has a couple of extra fliers. Okay, thank you and c u later!

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.

CAMPING

November Campout – Nov. 2-4 at Phillippo Scout Reservation, LeSeur Shelter.

December Campout – Dec. 7-9 at Fred C. Anderson, Shelter # 3.

Weather and Packing for Camping: Remember Scouts, as we move toward winter to pack appropriately. The weather is *changeable* through late fall and the right clothing is necessary for you to feel good and be able to stay outdoors....the whole point! Layered shirts/bottoms, dry change of clothes, hats and gloves/mittens, an extra pair of shoes and boots for wet/snowy weather. Like many scouts found last year, it can be sunny and dry on Friday night at the St. Pascal parking lot and you can drive an hour and find a half foot of snow! Bring extra SOCKS, lots of them!
A Winter camping "What to bring List" is available on the troop's website.

Campouts are FUN. Sign up for the next one. Find out why those pictures on the website have all those smiling, laughing faces. They probably were playing capture-the-flag or laser tag, hiking, exploring the woods, sitting around the campfire telling and listening to stories and EATING...the food is always good! To get more of an idea of what happens, **check out the troop website** or look at the bulletin board on the wall at St. Pascals at the next Scout meeting.

ACTIVITIES

Troop Fundraising: This is the best time of year for youth to participate in troop fundraisers to build up credit to apply to the cost of monthly campouts and summer camp.

The Popcorn Sale is wrapping up...**final orders due on Oct. 28.** Kathy and Alan H. are Sale Coordinators this year; please feel free to call with questions.

Christmas Wreath Sales have begun. Get a flyer from Mike A. and use it to sell advance orders of various sized wreaths and garlands.

Gift wrapping at Gander Mtn.: Anne R, Becca K and Paula M are organizing the schedule. Youth wrap gifts for shoppers for a suggested donation at the Gander Mountain store in Woodbury. After scout meetings, sign up for a shift. Adults are needed to supervise the gift wrapping.

MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Sessions: Merit Badge Session 1 is coming to a close: Computers taught by **Alan H** and Salesmanship taught by **Ricki M.** Merit Badge Session 2 will begin Nov 5. **Ellen Aeling** is teaching Personal Management and **Dave Ba** is teaching Emergency Preparedness.

The Winter Court of Honor is scheduled for January 7 – so there are *8 weeks* to finish the badges you have been procrastinating over! Keep in mind how busy the holidays get and finish up those requirements now. Plan ahead to schedule your reviews in time to receive your awards at this next Court of Honor.

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.

Latest activities - In October, 10 of us went on the Haunted boat dance and cruised the river in Halloween costumes and had a scary good time. This past weekend we went to the Severs corn maze and tried to get lost, saw pig races and swam in the corn pit.

Separate calendar will be sent out next week

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

TROOP 294 WEBSITE

<http://www.troop294.net>

Check it out! The Troop 294 website is **updated daily** so everyone can **keep current** on Troop 294 activities. The yearly calendar, the latest Red Lantern, pictures of recent activities, helpful information and links can be found. Don't forget to e-Mail those Troop 294 photographs, flyers and ideas to: webmaster@troop294.net