BSA TROOP 35 TROOP 35 NEWSLETTER

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Troop Plans for August 2013

- Monday, August 5 PLC and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, August 6 TROOP MEETING: Board Gameapalooza and Chess Tourney
- Tuesday, August 13 TROOP MEETING: Hillbilly Games
- Saturday, August 17, 10-12:30 Annual Program Planning Conference, Plan the Year's outings!
- Sunday, August 18, 4:00 Philip's Eagle Court of Honor
- Tuesdav. August 20 TROOP MEETING: Skits and Talent Show, Wekiva Planning
- Fri-Sun, August 23-25 TROOP CAMPOUT: at Wekiva!!!
- Tuesday, August 27 TROOP MEETING: Frisbee Clinic
- Monday, September 2 PLC and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, September 3 TROOP MEETING: First Aid MB & Rank Advancement
- Tuesday, September 24 TROOP MEETING: Summer Court of Honor

Scouts: please suggest Troop meeting ideas to your Scout Leaders the last week of the month before the PLC meeting.

SUMMER CAMP: WOODRUFF 2013

This year we went to Camp Woodruff in northern Atlanta. We had to endure an 8 hour car ride, but we finally made it there. Everybody got many merit badges by going to morning sessions every day. On Tuesday the whole troop, except for a few scouts, went whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River. Then on Thursday we went troop rock climbing, repelling and zip lining. Unfortunately Mr. Knowling could not repel Aussie style (upside down); we were all sad. But that didn't ruin our couple hours of fun! Then on Friday there was a camp wide mile swim, but only Jesse Evans had the guts to do it from Troop 35. He did finish after an exhausting 55 minutes. Friday afternoon was spent mostly relaxing and packing. That night the scoutmasters and senior leadership awarded several scouts grommets from the three flag retirement ceremonies we had. The recipients were: Will McLauren, Orion Woodfin, Aaron Price, Brett Andersen and Jesse Evans. These scouts demonstrated leadership qualities and the Scout Law and Oath. Submitted by Jesse Evans, Troop 35 Librarian. View all the pictures at



White Water Rafting- Woodruff Summer Camp

HIGH ADVENTURE: PHILMONT 2013



Philmont Crew

PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR 2013-2014

The Planning Conference will be August 17th 10-12:30 at the Price's home. Boys will plan the upcoming year's activities, eat lunch and swim. Come plan a great year of fun for the Troop!

AUGUST CAMPOUT

Wekiva is on schedule for August 23-25, and we are all set for this campout. For those new to Wekiva: Swim, eat, badminton, fish, volleyball, kayak, big fires, great fun. Pack the bug spray and make sure it gets used!

MEDICAL RECORDS

Didn't go to camp this summer, but planning to camp this season? You need current medical forms and permission slips on file with Mrs. Wentzel. All Scouts need these forms for camping. Our next campout is August 23-25; make sure your forms are turned in so you can go!



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SUMMER 2014 HIGH ADVENTURE

Fish, snorkel, canoe, kayak, and explore Munson Island in the Florida Keys next summer, all for \$900. Must be first class and 14 years old or 13 years old and completed 8th grade. Each week requires minimum of 4 boys/maximum of 6 boys and 2 adults. There are a couple of spots left!!! Check out the board in the Scout room for availability within the two crews: Crew A: July 28-August 1 or Crew B: August 1-7, 2014. \$100 deposit due ASAP to hold your spot!

ADVANCEMENT

The next Court of Honor is set for September 24th. Those with partial badges and ranks from Summer Camp please get on them! We would love to hand out lots of rewards for your hard work.

PARENTS: Remember the Court of Honor is a Family affair, time to see your Scout be acknowledged for his hard work. So mark your calendars for the next Court of Honor September 24th!

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- The Troop is active and busy!
- Summer camp would not have been possible without Mr. Garner, Mr. Dell'alba and Mr. Bailey. A big thank you to them!
- All Scouts are encouraged to attend the Program Planning Conference on August 17th to plan the events for the 2013-2014 season.
- Remember, We are PREPARED!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Troop is financially sound. Deposits for Sea Base 2014 are due to Mrs. Andersen ASAP.

PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE

This will be held August 17th, from 9-1, at the Prices', to plan the next year's worth of campouts, High Adventure, and service projects. The Scouts need to give your input as to where you all want to go and what you want to do. Tell your Patrol Leader, SPL, or come to the PPC yourself. We have some annual favorites, but it may be time to change out some stale regulars for some new campouts.

TROOP MEETINGS

Parents are encouraged to come to the parents' waiting room to meet other parents and pick up a copy of the weekly announcements. These announcements will also be shared by the SPL during the meeting. This will aid in achieving our goal of minimizing adult traffic in the scout meeting room (this is scout territory!).

ADULT TRAINING

Every Scout deserves trained adult leaders! Our Troop will be scheduling Wilderness Training, Basic First Aid and possibly CPR training beginning in the fall. If you are interested in attending training, contact Mary Kay Kenney. We hope to see many new faces!

SWIMMING MERIT BADGE

Thank you to Ms. Eng who aided in 6 scouts earning their swimming merit badge!

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

We need you! The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a merit badge counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a merit badge counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore a topic of interest. Complete a Merit Badge Counselor information form at http://www.troop35jax.org/forms/meritbadgecounselor344 05.pdf and submit it to an ASM.

THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

August 17, 2013- Program Planning Conference
August 23-25, 2013- Troop Campout: Swimming and chilling at Wekiva



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