

Troop Plans for February 2014

- Monday, February 3 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, February 4 - TROOP MEETING: Dutch Oven Cobbler & Games
- Sunday, February 9 - SCOUT SUNDAY & Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday, February 11 - TROOP MEETING:
- Fri-Sun, February 15-17 - TROOP CAMPOUT: Kings Bay
- Tuesday, February 18 - TROOP MEETING:
- Tuesday, February 25 - TROOP MEETING:
- Monday, March 3 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, March 4 - TROOP MEETING:

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

BAT CAVE, January 24-26, 2014



In the Lake Room, with their friend

There were 18 Scouts and 6 adults that participated in the [Bat Cave](#) campout. The boys camped at [O'Leno State Park](#) and then the caving adventure began. The boys were first divided into three groups. With the help of many volunteers, each group explored the cave at their own pace. They saw lots of bats, crawled on their bellies, got muddy, set up an ax yard and worked on rank advancement. Many thanks to the [River City Grotto](#) and the [Florida Speleological Society](#) for their help on this trip. It was also Mr. Fischer's farewell campout; however he'll probably be back as ASPL Emeritus for caving next year. It was a great trip and a good time was had by all!

WINTER COURT OF HONOR

Court of Honor was held January 28th. Many ranks and merit badges were awarded to the Scouts. We're proud of their hard work and dedication to Scouting. Thank you to Mr. Altman for coordinating with Mr. Singleton as the advancement responsibilities shifted.



Scoutmaster Knowling congratulates Ashton on earning rank.

SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scout Sunday is February 9th. We will assist in the two church services that Sunday by presenting a color guard and conducting a flag ceremony. We are cooking breakfast for the Church as a thank you for their support of our Troop. There will also be a mock campsite set up in the courtyard. There will be two shifts, 7:00am-10:00am or 9:30am-12:30pm. It's always a lot of fun!

FEB CAMPOUT: CUMBERLAND ISLAND

The much anticipated campout to [Cumberland Island](#) will be February 15th-17th. The schedule is set and all the slots are filled!

SERVICE

The pancake breakfast is on Sunday February 9th. We will be doing an outdoor demonstration of a campout and cooking pancakes for the church members. This is our Scout Sunday project to give thanks back to the church for all they do for us.



On Saturday February 22nd Hendricks Avenue School is having a walkathon. We will be volunteering to help with handing out water and other things from 10:30 to 2:00. Please sign up if you

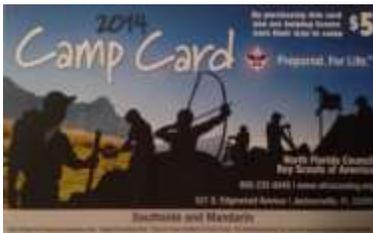
can help.

Heather said there is nothing going on with UCOM this month but they will need help from the troop sometime next month. Thanks to all who help out.

Christian Floyd, Service Coordinator

CAMP CARDS

It's time to sell Camp Cards and earn money toward summer camp! For just \$5, you receive \$5 off at Publix,



\$10 off \$50 at Dick's Sporting Goods, \$15 off a one day ticket to The Players and recurring discounts at Bono's, Panda Express, Moe's, The Loop, Tropical Smoothie Café, Yobe, Tire Kingdom and Dave & Busters with your 2014 Camp Card. To streamline the process, cards must be paid for in advance and then sold by the Scout. Pre-sales and pick-up will be at the February Troop meetings.

SUMMMER CAMP 2014: SKYMONT

Summer Camp 2014 is June 15-21, 2014 at [Skymont](#) in Tennessee. New Scouts need to signup now in the Scout room. The payment

schedule is as follows: deposit \$150 payments due February 21st, and payments of \$100 due March 4th and April 22nd.



Reserve your slot now; there are only a few remaining!

HIGH ADVENTURE 2014: SEA BASE



The two crews are full! We are looking forward to a great adventure at [Seabase](#) this summer. There will be a mandatory Sea Base meeting February 20th at 7:00 pm at SUMC.

HIGH ADVENTURE 2015: NORTHERN TIER

We're going to Canada! Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? Back-country at its best is at Northern Tier High Adventure Base. Experience one of the most remote regions in North America in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Preserve in Ontario, Canada. June 20-30, 2015. (Scouts must be First Class and 14 years old by June 20, 2015) \$1700 all included. A \$100 deposit due to Mrs. Andersen by February 25, 2014 secures your spot.



For more information visit: <http://www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips.aspx>

Payment schedule: \$100 due February 25, 2014, \$600 due September 1, 2014, \$600 due January 15, 2015, \$400 due March 1, 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are fine financially. We had a busy month collecting camping fees and summer camp payments. Remember the next Skymont

summer camp payment is due February 21st. If you're planning on going to Northern Tier in 2015, a \$100 deposit is due February 25, 2014. Make checks payable to Troop 35 and give them to Mrs. Andersen.

FROM MR. FISCHER

ASM Fischer received the "Golden Skillet" from ASM Dell 'Alba

Troop 35: First of all, "Thank you!" Thank you for the wonderful showing of friendship at the Court of Honor, in my honor. Thank you for the years of fun, learning, hard work, and cheerful service my time in Troop 35 has afforded me. Thank you for the amazing opportunities I was able to take advantage of. Thank you for the awesome T-Shirts!! And for all the other gifts bestowed on me that night (WOW!!). And a HUUUUUGE "THANKS!" for being one of the best Troops in the council State Nation World. You are what Boy Scouts is all about.

I will miss you all and the good times to be had, but will fondly look back upon my career in the Troop. But it is time for me to move on. After 25 years of youth work of one form or another, my need to serve will go other routes, some already known, some likely to ambush me on my life's ride. My children are well established in college, so Teresa and I can fly and be free to do whatever, whenever. And we will! Wish us luck and safe travels. And I will still be around, having called "Dibs!" on some select campouts, and I will still be a counselor on various Merit Badges.

So, keep up the good work of Troop 35. Worry not, for you are in good hands. May all Scouts in Troop 35 be Eagles!

So long, and thanks for all the fish!
Mr. Fischer, ASM Emeritus

P.S. Go GATORS!!

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- Thank you to the committee for all they do day in and day out for our boys and the Troop!
- We are going to miss Matt. Thank you for your friendship and support through the years!
- The older boys are growing in their leadership skills and learning about delegating. I am proud of this development.
- Remember, we are **PREPARED!**

**THINGS ON THE HORIZON...**

February 9- Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast
February 15-17 – Troop Campout: [Cumberland Island](#)
March 5-7 – Troop Campout: Kings Bay
April 11-13 – New Scout Campout



The day is meant to mark the founding of the Scouts in the United States. Approximately 50 percent of all Scouting units are chartered to religious groups. These observances offer an opportunity for congregations to honor Scouts and Scouters, as well as to learn more themselves about the value of Scouting as a youth program. Thank you SUMC for supporting Troop 35!