

Troop Plans for March 2016

- Monday, February 29 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, March 1 - TROOP MEETING: Games & S'mores
- Tuesday, March 8 – TROOP MEETING: New Scout Advancement
- Tuesday, March 15 – TROOP MEETING: Planning for O'Leno campout & Games
- Fri-Sun, March 18-20 – TROOP CAMPOUT TRIP:-O'Leno
- Tuesday, March 22 – TROOP MEETING: String Burn Contest
- Tuesday, March 29 – TROOP MEETING: Ice Cream Social
- Monday, April 4 – PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, April 5 – TROOP MEETING: Tenderfoot Fitness & Scout Pictures

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

SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

At seven o'clock we went to the church kitchen to start setting up for the pancake breakfast. We split into two groups, one group working in the kitchen and the other group manning the campout demonstration in the courtyard. I was in charge of the kitchen. We cooked bacon and pancakes

and sliced fruit while we waited for people to start coming by. Around 8 the first people started to come. We served them blueberry and plain pancakes, bacon, and slices of oranges and grapefruit from a local orange grove that we picked the day before. At both services some of the scouts participated in a color guard, processing the flags to the front of the church. Towards the end of the morning, we used the rest of our pancake batter for the annual Biggest Pancake competition. We split into teams to see who could make the biggest pancake without ripping it. After that we cleaned up the kitchen and courtyard and left. It was a fun experience, and all of us learned something.

Submitted by James D.

WELCOME NEW SCOUTS

We would like to welcome our new scouts and their families to Troop 35.

Benjamin F.

Elias G.

Julian O.

William W.

Mateo Z.

Our goal is to support each of you on your scouting journey. There is much to learn from the older scouts in this boy led troop. The first opportunity to camp will be the New Scout Campout next month, April 22-24. Please sign up in the Scout Room. This is always a favorite; you won't want to miss it!

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

February is in the books and Troop 35 had a month full of troop activities, service projects, and camping.

The camping/hiking trip to Goldhead State Park went better than I could have hoped for. The Scouts enjoyed unbelievably fantastic weather for the weekend and hiking on the trails was top-notch. The Scouts that are going to Philmont this summer did a training hike of 10 miles while the other boys hiked just over 5. Cool clear weather made the days fly by and the night sky had to be seen to be believed. If you missed out on this camping opportunity don't hesitate and sign up for our upcoming trip to Oleno State Park. Service opportunities this past month included picking citrus at the Shad Grove and serving S.U.M.C. congregants at the Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast. I was very impressed by the large number of Scouts who showed up and cheerfully cooked, served, and cleaned up. Great Job!

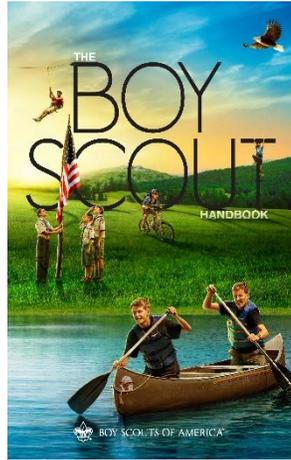
The month ended up with six new Scouts joining Troop 35 from Pack 35. We welcomed them at a crossing over ceremony at Camp Etchokotee just last weekend. Thank you to the leadership of Pack 35 for letting us participate in such a moving occasion. We look forward to helping guide the new Scouts on their journey. Things to keep on the horizon are Summer Camp at Camp Ottari. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time. It is a great chance for the Scouts to earn multiple merit badges and build a sense of community in the Scouting world. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Here's to a fantastic March!

Y.I.S.

Adam McDonough, Scoutmaster Troop 35

TREASURER'S REPORT

The troop remains in good financial standing.
Bill McLaurine, Troop Treasurer

NEW SCOUT HANDBOOK

13th Edition Boy Scout Handbook

The rank requirements in this book are official as of Jan. 1, 2016. Scouts who joined the Boy Scouts of America on or after Jan. 1, 2016, **MUST** follow the rank requirements as printed in this Boy Scout Handbook or in the current year's Boy Scout

Requirements book.

Scouts who joined the BSA prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

- Who are working on the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks **MAY** continue to follow the old requirements, but **MUST** convert to the current requirements upon attaining First Class.
- Who have completed the First Class rank **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the old requirements, but **MUST** convert to the current requirements for subsequent ranks.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts **MUST use the current requirements regardless of rank.**

The BSA has made it easy for you, providing [this PDF](#) straight from the new *Boy Scout Handbook*.

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Troop 35 Committee is dedicated to Boy Scout program and the success of the boys and the troop. We currently are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- *Roundtable Representative*- attends one Council meeting a month and one Committee meeting a month

Please see David Price with any questions.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COUNCIL?

- March 12 – [Citizenship in the World at MOSH](#)